

Valley Project Group to Meet Again Feb. 12

The Willamette Valley Project committee which met in Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms here Friday (see page 1) to approve the budget it will present to the legislature is to convene again in Salem on Monday, February 12, following a chamber of commerce luncheon meeting where Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Robins, deputy chief engineer, U.S. army engineers, and others of his staff will present the program.

In the group in session here Friday were Claude Buchanan, Corvallis; Elmo Chase, Eugene; Victor P. Morris, Eugene; Walter F. Buse, Oregon City; Harry Asbahr, Corvallis; J. W. McArthur, Eugene; Dr. W. Powers, Corvallis; E. C. Gwillim, soil conservation expert, Oregon State college; County Judge Herman Van Well, Polk county; Kenneth Miller, representing the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Rep. Truman Chase, Eugene;

Henry Zorn, Aurora; L. H. McBee, Dallas; H. H. Brant, Independence; E. J. Himes, Polk county engineer; John Ramage, Woodburn; Ammon Grice, president of the Oregon Farmers Union; B. M. Lefevre, Newberg; Marlon Tompkins, Dayton; Ronald Johns, John H. Scott, County Commissioner Jim Smith, County Judge Grant Murphy, Linn Smith, Mayor I. M. Doughton, and W. L. Phillips, all of Salem.

Col. Ralph A. Tudor, district engineer, with W. H. McGibbon, also of the army engineers, attended to answer questions as to condition of the river and status of the project.

Snow Level Far Below Average at Crater Lake

MEDFORD, Feb. 2 (AP)—A snow level of 38.9 inches—compared to 46.5 inches a year ago—was reported today on the Annie Springs official snow course by Crater Lake national park officials.

Clyde E. Gilbert, acting chief ranger, said the water content measured 34.5 percent, compared to 30.7 percent last year. January snowfall in the area was believed the lightest since records have been kept, park headquarters said. Average for the 20 year period is 108.4 inches.

16 Miners Die When Shaft Cage Cable Snaps

TIMMINS, Ont., Feb. 2 (AP)—A steel mine-shaft cage became a twisted tomb today for 16 miners at the Paymaster gold mine near here when it plunged 1500 feet to the bottom of the 2500-foot shaft. The cable snapped at the 1000-foot level. A 25-man rescue crew worked hard to cut their way into the mass of twisted steel and bring out the 16 victims. All but one were dead when reached and he died before reaching a hospital.

Portland Chamber Will Support Freeway Bill

PORTLAND, Feb. 2 (AP)—The Portland chamber of commerce today informed the legislature that it will support enactment of the pending freeway bill as long-sighted, desirable road legislation. The measure would empower the highway commission to cooperate with the federal government in construction of high standard roads of limited access. The chamber denied initiating the bill.

Firms Planning Layoffs Should Give Warning

PORTLAND, Feb. 2 (AP)—The state manpower director today ordered firms planning to lay off 50 or more workers to give seven days warning to the U. S. employment service. L. C. Stoll said it would enable the uses to line-up new jobs so that a minimum of working time would be lost.

Too Late to Classify

WRECKING HOUSE across from Deaconess hospital, will sell doors, windows, plaster board, built-ins, furnace, lumber, glass, lavatory, toilet, etc. See page 2.

FOR SALE by owner, 2 b.r. home 4 yrs. old. Hardwood floors, auto oil furnace, V. blinds, elec. water heater and wired for range. Phone 5300.

Indo-China Coast Hit



Third Fleet Carrier Task Force—First allied intrusion of the China sea in three years, under Task Commander Vice Adm. John S. McCain, operating under Adm. William F. Halsey, brought plenty grief to the Japs. Transports, warcraft, shore installations were sunk or shattered. Photo shows burning Jap ship, one of many, used as "landmarks" by these Essex class carrier planes en route Saigon, French Indo-China, for another strike. (International)

Rescued Heroes of Bataan Have Lots of Back Pay Coming and They'll Get It

By the Associated Press

Things definitely are looking up for those rescued heroes of Bataan and Corregidor.

They have a lot of back pay coming—and they're going to get every cent. The war department says the total, running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, is ready and waiting for the more than 400 Americans rescued Tuesday night near Cabanatuan on Luzon island in the Philippines.

Already they've been clothed in new army khaki to replace their patched and tattered clothing. So they will hear quickly from their loved ones—some have received a card or two, some not a line in the nearly three years of tortured imprisonment under the Japanese—Sixth army headquarters and the Red Cross have made special provisions for deliveries of mail.

Many Coming Home

Many of them may be coming home right away. "I was informed some of these men already being prepared for return and that others will be brought back as soon as it can be arranged," said Rep. Philbin (D-Mass.) in Washington.

"Only those required to remain for medical treatment will have to stay there."

Their spirits, by all accounts of war correspondents, have risen markedly now that they are getting plenty of food, the best of medical treatment and are watching wonder-eyed at endless lines of modern war equipment rolling toward Manila.

Rescue Details Told

At a sixth ranger camp near Cabanatuan, Associated Press Correspondent Fred Hampson was told more details of the heroic rescue. Filipinos supplied the advanced information and pinpointed the stockade.

A platoon led by First Lt. John F. Murphy, of Springfield, Mass., former Notre Dame football player, approached the southeast corner and it was Murphy who fired the signal shot for the attack.

Lt. William J. O'Connell, Boston, Mass., commanded the squad which covered the gate in front of the prison. Rangers under Capt. James C. Fisher, Philadelphia, Capt. Robert W. Prince, Seattle, and Lt. Melville Schmidt, New Orleans, completed the encirclement.

Speed Rescued Away

Lt. John Dove, Hollywood, Calif., directed the work of speeding the prisoners from the stockade to the rendezvous point.

The Japanese guards were shot or bayoneted in the first five minutes. The gravest menace during the rescue was by a heavy concentration of Japanese attacking from the north, using tanks. With only small weapons, heroic guerrillas held off this force, cutting down nearly 300 Japanese at a cost of 23 guerrillas, until the rescuing parties had time to withdraw.

When the rescue party reached safety, it included 51 carabao and carts, helping bring out the liberated men.

Death Toll in Train Wreck Totals Three

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—The death toll in two train wrecks on the Spokane, Portland and Seattle line reached three today, with the death of Engineer O. E. Cochran, Wistram, Wash., in a hospital here.

Charles Wilson, 64, Bend, was killed early today in the derailment of a work train rushing to the scene of a head-on collision of two freight trains yesterday. An earth slide derailed Wilson's car.

The collision yesterday killed A. J. Dodd, brakeman, and injured Cochran and four others. The crash was believed caused by a southbound train missing a siding at Oakbrook.

The derailment occurred one station distant from the spot where 30 freight cars piled up in the head-on crash. The work train continued to the scene, and tracks were expected to be clear by midnight.

Both accidents occurred about 40 miles southeast of here on the Bend branch in the Deschutes river canyon.

Bombs Pour On Iwo Jima

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Forward Area, Saturday, Feb. 3 (AP)—U.S. Liberators bombed Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands 750 miles south of Japan Wednesday and Thursday, setting large fires in aircraft installations, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Iwo, from which Japanese aircraft have hit the Tokyo-raiding Superfort base at Saipan, has been on an almost daily bombing schedule.

Rocket-firing Mitchell medium bombers flown by marine pilots have damaged 12 ships and probably destroyed one other in night harassing attacks on Japanese shipping around the Volcano and Bonin islands since December 6, Nimitz disclosed.

U.S. Equipment Aids Russians

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—Soviet armies are using "millions of tons" of American-made ammunition and equipment in their advance on the eastern front, Leo T. Crowley, foreign economic administrator, said tonight.

He declared in a statement that Soviet officials have "expressed to us their appreciation" for the munitions furnished under lend-lease.

Crowley acknowledged that this share in equipping the Russian troops is small, compared with total needs, but said it had supplemented to an important degree Russian production and resources in such items as motor trucks, locomotives, freight cars and other vital supplies.

Japs Sets Up Six Army Districts on Homeland

By the Associated Press

The Japanese war ministry was quoted by Domei agency Thursday as announcing the setting up of six army districts in the Nippon homeland with two high ranking officers in charge of each region.

The Domei radio broadcast, picked up by FCC, also reported the appointment of Lt. Gen. Einosuke Sudo as chief of staff of defense headquarters.

Fifth Army Patrols Meet Stiff Resistance

ROME, Feb. 2 (AP)—American Fifth army patrols feeling out German positions in the mountains south of Bologna are encountering furious enemy artillery and small arms fire, while long range enemy guns are blasting at the principal supply highway between Bologna and Florence, allied headquarters announced today.

American Armament Better Than Anything Nazis Have Says U.S. Ordnance Chief

By Frank Carey Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—Answering critics of American armament, Maj. Gen. Lewin H. Campbell, army ordnance chief, today quoted Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as saying we have "general superiority" in armament over the European enemy.

He quoted from a letter from General Eisenhower and said it was the answer to "some critics who write alleging inferiority" of certain American armor compared with the Germans'.

Without naming the critics, but saying he was referring particularly to published reports that our tanks are not big enough to cope with the nazis' vaunted Royal Tiger and Hunting Panther tanks, both from the standpoint of armor and firepower, Campbell, told the Associated Press in an interview:

"I could build a tank as big as the Pentagon if the generals in the field said they wanted one, but there is no evidence to date that they want or need tanks larger than those we now employ. Those men know what they want — they're good judges of horse flesh!"

At the same time, Campbell disclosed that we now have in action a new "assault tank" which has double the armor of our 35-ton General Sherman and is about five tons heavier.

Just returned from a tour of inspection of ordnance in the European and Mediterranean theaters—during which he said he interviewed all top-ranking generals and scores of enlisted men—Campbell said he had their assurance that this could be said: "Need No Apology."

"We need not only have no apology for any item of American ordnance in comparison with that of the enemy—but we're leading them all the way."

Campbell said that only a limited number of the assault tanks had been produced because that is all the field fighters requested. It's chiefly a special-purpose tank, he said, designed to knock out road blocks.

"You add armor," he said, "and you decrease speed and maneuverability. The testimony of General Patton, Hodges and all the rest is that we want to attack, we want to maneuver—we want to keep mobility."

Senators Morse, Cordon Named to GOP Group

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—Senators Morse (R-Ore) and Ball (R-Minn) have been named to a GOP committee of senators to determine whether senate republicans should advance their own labor program.

Both are members of the education-labor committee whose republican members, at the suggestion of Senator Taft (R-Ohio), were divided into study groups.

Other committees will study proposed federal aid for education, fair employment practices, aid to states for health measures.

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS CANCEL 1945 CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP)—The American newspaper publishers association announced today cancellation of its 1945 convention, which had been scheduled for April 24-26.

The announcement was made by ANPA president Linwood L. Noyes, after a meeting of the board of directors.



ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Who says Fridays are evil days? Hands on the town clock (court-house tower) started turning yesterday, though not without a little help.

Landing Made Near Burma

KANDY, Ceylon, Feb. 2 (AP)—Troops of the 15th Indian corps have made new and unopposed landings off the Burma coast on the small island of Sagu Kyun about 110 miles southeast of Ak-yah and troops of the 14th army have made more progress in the drive toward Saging, just west of Mandalay, the Southeast Asia command announced today.

The 11th East African division moved forward in the angle of the Irrawaddy river toward Saging, capturing Letkapin. Ywathitzi on the northern bank also was penetrated, but the Japanese are resisting stubbornly there.

Mrs. de Autremont's Funeral Set Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Belle deAutremont, 67, 1130 Chemeketa, who died Friday at a Salem hospital, will be held from St. Joseph's Catholic church at 9:30 a. m. Monday.

Mrs. deAutremont was born in Iowa and after spending several years in New Mexico, came to Salem in 1928 to make her home. Survivors include a son, Vern deAutremont of Salem.

'Pussyfoot' Johnson, Dry Crusader, Dies

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 2 (AP)—William E. "Pussyfoot" Johnson, colorful dry crusader who retired to his Smithville Flats, N. Y., home convinced America "was nowhere near ready for another try at prohibition," died today. He was 82.

Johnson, who for 50 years waged battle against drink in every major country in the world except Alaska and South America, died in a Binghamton hospital where he had been in ill health for the past several months.

Representing the American anti-saloon league abroad, Johnson became an international figure. As a government agent he obtained more than 97 per cent convictions in nearly 8000 bootlegging cases from 1906 to 1908. Eight of his deputies were killed during this period, one because he resembled "Pussyfoot."

Thumbnail of War!

By the Associated Press

Russia — Nazis say Russian troops within 36 miles of Berlin, while official Moscow claims only 51 miles.

Western Front—U. S. first army drives ahead three miles southeast of Aachen to point 10 miles inside Reich.

Italy — Fifth army patrols south of Bologna encounter fierce enemy artillery fire.

Greece — Greek government and ELAS begin peace talks.

Burma — Indian troops make new unopposed landings off Burma coast 110 miles southeast of Ak-yah.

China — Bolstered Japs fight into suburbs of Suichwan, key U. S. 14th air force base already destroyed and abandoned.

Pacific—U. S. force only 18 air miles from Manila in race down fine highway against ineffective Japanese resistance.

Canucks Hide In Seattle

VANCOUVER, BC, Feb. 2 (CP)—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer said today an undetermined number of deserters from the Canadian army are living in Seattle and neighboring American cities and efforts are being made to return them to the custody of Canadian military authorities.

The paper said: "The soldiers, known in Canada as 'Zombies,' are avoiding overseas service." Their presence in the United States was known to Canadian officials.

Army officials at Pacific command said tonight they "had no possible way of knowing whether there is any truth in the report."

Maj. Gen. George R. Peckares, general officer commanding-in-chief of the Pacific command was not available for comment.

Japanese Might Try For Compromise Peace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—Chinese Ambassador Wei predicted today that "certain of the Japanese" will try to bring about a compromise peace as soon as Germany is defeated.

"But," Dr. Wei told a news conference, "no one will accept such a peace."

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