

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sraque

The interstate commerce commission has reported on the wreck which occurred last December on the Southern Pacific just west of Ogden when 50 were killed and 81 injured.

If there had been a cab-signal system in use the fireman would have known that the block signal ahead, hidden in fog, was set for "stop" and he could have applied the brakes when the engineer failed to do so.

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U. S. FIRST OPENS ATTACK

Kuestrin Falls to Soviets; Mindanao Push Goes Well

New Red Offensive Reported

Russians Smash Nazi Defenses Around Danzig

LONDON, Tuesday, March 13.—(AP)—Kuestrin, the fortress city 38 miles northeast of Berlin on which the Nazis hinged their central Oder river line defenses, fell to the Red army yesterday and its capture was announced by Premier Stalin even as the German radio was reporting a new Russian offensive from bridgeheads west of the river.

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New Fighting in Philippines



Large arrow indicates where Americans are fighting in the Zamboanga area of Mindanao following their latest landing which carried the Yanks within 650 miles of oil-rich Balikpapan. On Luzon other Americans are driving on Baguio and the southern part of the island. Black areas are American controlled. (AP wirephoto map)

Japanese Positions Overrun

41st Vets Take Zamboanga Civic Center, Airfield

MANILA, Tuesday, March 13.—(AP)—Veteran Yanks of Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's 41st infantry division overran strong Japanese positions on southwestern Mindanao Sunday as they captured the civic center of Zamboanga and a strategic air field only 200 miles northeast of Borneo.

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House Votes New Lease on Life for CCC

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(AP)—A new lease on life for the commodity credit corporation was voted by the house today, after administration assurance of vigorous dealings with any employee found involved in speculation "scandals."

2 City Teams Go Over Top In ARC Drive

First two Salem city divisions to go over the top in the 1945 Red Cross war fund campaign, the educational team headed by high school principal Harry Johnson had collected 140 per cent of its quota Monday, and the residential division with an all-woman team directed by Mrs. Douglas McKay had 118 per cent of its quota.

Mrs. H. L. Carl Critically Ill, Woodburn Hospital

WOODBURN, March 12.—Mrs. H. L. Carl is critically ill in a hospital here. At her bedside are her sons, Maj. Marion Carl, south Pacific marine ace who came west by plane Monday from Maryland, and Marston Carl, who after two and one-half years as a paratrooper came home to run the Carl dairy ranch at Hubbard this winter when his mother was first reported ill, and her daughter, Virginia Carl, who left week left her graduate studies at Northwestern university to return to Hubbard.

Job Preference For Vets Wins Final Approval

The senate Monday passed measures taxing domestic insurance companies, giving war veterans job preference and asking the federal government to limit expenditures to budget estimates, as the 43rd legislature waded into what may or may not be its last week.

The house approved bills increasing the "cushion" for future property tax relief in a program which left doubt that there would be an income tax discount next year if it wins final approval. The house also approved a \$20,000 fund for a state tax study, and voted in favor of a less drastic form of compulsory military training than the senate favored.

Bataan Men Parade Through Cheering Crowds in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—(AP)—Through cheering crowds, many of whom removed their hats and wept unashamed, the 272 liberated prisoners of Cabanatuan motored up Market street amid a shower of ticker tape and confetti today in an official civic welcome.

Looking over the heads of John Bailey of Pittsburgh, Pa., turned to a Japanese prison companion and grinned: "Remember those 10 kilometers through Manila?"

The parade probably was the only military procession in history, without a single soldier with the rank of private. All 272 had been raised a rank.

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Pvt. Corby Ray Dies In German Action

SILVERTON HILLS, March 12.—Pvt. Corby Ray was killed in action in Germany, his wife has been notified by the war department. With their infant daughter Mrs. Ray is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilpatrick on the P. A. Loan ranch.

New Department of Veterans' Affairs Becomes Oregon Law

The house bill (HB 271) creating the department of veterans' affairs became a law Monday with the signature of Gov. Earl Snell who termed it "an important step in Oregon's determination to provide every possible service and assistance to our returning veterans."

First Across



Sgt. Alexander A. Drabick, above, of Holland, Ohio, was praised by his commanding general for leading the charge across Remagen bridge over the Rhine which gave allies their first bridgehead. (AP wirephoto)

Factories Of Ruhr In Peril

Americans Gain Up to 2 1/2 Miles; 23 Towns Taken

PARIS, March 12.—(AP)—The US First army jumped off early today in the first big Allied assault east of the Rhine, scored gains up to two and a half miles, and expanded its bridgehead to nearly five miles deep and 11 miles wide.

The Germans said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges had thrown 40,000 troops, including two armored and two infantry divisions, into the push which placed the Ruhr's factory cities in their gravest peril of the war.

2 WLB Cases Fail to Make Highest Court

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(AP)—Two cases springing from disputed orders of the war labor board failed to get into supreme court today.

PFC Naderman Said Missing

PFC Gerald W. Naderman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George V. Naderman, 1024 Highland ave., has been missing in action in Germany since February 23, his parents have been notified by the war department.

Berlin Bombed Again

LONDON, Tuesday, March 13.—(AP)—RAF Mosquito bombers rocked Berlin with two-ton blockbusters last night for the 21st night in succession, the air ministry announced today.

ON THE WAY! VETERANS' GUIDE

For discharged servicemen and women.

VETERANS' GUIDE

For readers with a friend or relative in the service.

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A new veterans service column written in a simplified and interesting style by Major Thomas M. Nial for this paper.

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