

House Votes Funds For Liquor Inquiry

SALEM, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The five-man legislative committee to investigate the 1943 Waterfill and Frazier whiskey purchase was assured funds on which to operate today when the house passed and sent to the governor a bill appropriating \$25,000 for the committee's expenses.

There was scattered opposition to the bill, some members repeating statements made in the senate yesterday that the investigation is unnecessary. The vote was 50 to 8.

The senate passed and sent to the house a bill to put the state fish commission on an appropriation basis, so it won't have to operate on poundage fees. Sen. Merle Chessman, Astoria republican, author of the bill, said poundage fees drop in some years so greatly that the fish commission gets short of funds.

Prisoner Overcome At Sight Of Flag

By FRED HAMPSON
LUZON, P. I., Jan. 31.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Five hundred and eleven white men emerged from a Japanese prison camp today. By the calendar's reckoning they had been captives almost three years.

By their own glazed reckoning a wretched eternity was ending. One of them, Staff Sgt. Clinton Goodbla of Longview, Wash., member of the 60th coast artillery when he was captured on Corregidor, said:

"When we walked through the lines this morning I saw an American flag."

Goodbla's haggard face gathered into a sob. He suddenly buried his head in his arms. His body shuddering with such violence of emotion I couldn't watch. "It cut right through me; the flag, it cut right through me," Goodbla said.

Singapore Hit; Base Captured At Subic Bay

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
India-based B-29s bombed Singapore for the third time in daylight Thursday while three individual sorties were reported over Japan in the unending Superfortress war.

In the Philippines the 6th army overran the last major natural defense line within 25 miles of Manila.

The 8th army seized Olongapo, former U. S. naval station on Subic bay now being reconverted into a U. S. base. American warships began streaming into Subic bay from which Tokyo broadcasts reported they are bombarding Japanese emplacements on Bataan.

Olongapo, with its battery of Japanese defenses, was inexplicably undefended. It is the key to the western side of Bataan.

No noteworthy skirmishes were reported as the 14th corps rolled across the formidable Pampanga river into Calumpit, 28 road miles from Manila. Behind lay a dangerous and narrow, swamp-bordered corridor.

Another 6th army column swung west toward a junction with the 8th army at the head of Bataan. Small, bitterly won gains, were reported on the northern battle for Baguio.

Tokyo said 90 Superfortresses participated in the attack on Singapore, sweeping over the former British naval base in waves for an hour and a half at midday. The Japanese claimed at least one B-29 was shot down and indicated the figure would be raised later.

Dow-Jones

Dow-Jones closing bond averages: Forty bonds 104.96, up 0.08; 10 first grade rails 113.13, off 0.05; 10 second grade rails 90.48, up 0.25; 10 public utilities 108.89, up 0.05; 10 industrials 107.33, unchanged.

Russians—

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Last German foothold has been hacked from Belgian soil.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army advanced four miles on a broad front and sent patrols into outer Siegfried defenses, strangely silent in the sector. The 1st division pushed to within sight of the line, without challenge from enemy artillery, suggesting that the Germans had pulled back major forces from the area. The allies may know soon to what extent the nazis have weakened their western defenses by the shift of troops eastward.

Nazis In Retreat

In the south the Germans in the Colmar pocket lost by allied estimate 5,000 killed and 2,500 captured in two days as French troops, aided by two American divisions, partly by-passed Carnay, where the nazis had put up stiff resistance. A London report said the German 19th army of 30,000 was in full retreat south of Strasbourg.

North of Strasbourg, U. S. 7th army troops without opposition captured Gamsheim, eight miles from Strasbourg and two from the Rhine, suggesting a German withdrawal from the Rhine bridgehead.

The 1st and 3rd American armies pushed through slush and rain against a 40-mile section of the Siegfried line in an assault approaching proportions of a full-scale offensive.

Stockholm dispatches said front to 20 evacuation trains left the city capital daily, taking residents to the southern province of Saxony. In the crowded capital many civilians lined up at army soup kitchens for meals, the report said and in the east, Danzig and Stettin, the Baltic were being evacuated.

Wild Currants Bloom In Reedsport Area

"I wonder if Route F can beat this," says William R. Turpin of Reedsport, in a Jan. 29 letter. Enclosed with the note were some delicately pink wild currants, in full spring bloom.

Jules Romains, French novelist, poet, and dramatist was born Louis Farigoule.

Northwest Men Rescued From Japs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The list of American prisoners released in last night's attack on the prisoners of war camp at Cabanatuan included:

M/Sgt. Ermon R. Addington, Harrison, Ida.

Dean W. Albee, civilian, Eureka, Mont.

Lt. Knute Engersel, USN, Seattle.

Capt. Lloyd I. Floyd, Enterprise, Ore.

Sgt. Milton E. Englin, Seattle.

Sgt. Charles C. McKewen, Portland.

Capt. Dentas J. Rees, Milwaukee.

Pvt. John Braunberger, Portland, Ore.

Stanley E. Bronk, Seattle.

Capt. Robert E. Sly, 1275 Ferry street, Eugene.

—Flashes Of Life—

BURIED

DENVER.—(AP)—John Rupp, 60-year-old coal yard worker, underwent a two-hour blackout beneath 20 tons of coal.

Rupp fell into a loading pit unnoticed by other workmen. When time came to load, they called for him but thought he might have left the yard.

"I tried to yell," Rupp said later, "but my mouth got full of coal dust. So I just waited."

Finally the big power shovel scooped up a load and exposed Rupp's head. Rupp said that from then on, it was easy.

LUCK

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—An auto, swerving to avoid a collision, took out two walls of a crowded bar, wrecked an awning, plate glass window and juke box, and crashed into the only unoccupied booth.

FIREMEN BUSY

Eugene's fire department made 41 runs in January, but fire damage was very small, records disclosed Thursday. The runs were all made in the first 25 days of the month, and were mostly for flue fires.

Freed Heroes—

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March of Bataan, of the final terrifying week of bombing and bombardment which hit Corregidor, of men dying like flies, of disease, of 10 hours daily in prison camp under the hot sun in fields, or waist high in water of rice paddies under hard eyes, of frequent beatings and shootings.

These experiences lay heavily upon them. Details were painful to recall. Yet many of them foreswore the probability of returning home immediately to stay and "drop just a few Japs first."

The prisoners had heard the pre-invasion bombardment of Luzon and news of the landing, but the rescue came as a complete surprise.

Erupts Suddenly

It erupted suddenly with the rattle of automatic weapons just as the ship's bell, which was the camp timepiece, tolled 1900 (7 p.m.) over the weary men.

Most of the prisoners headed for the ground or the floor, thinking the gunfire meant the Japanese were liquidating them—a fate many had long expected.

Then they saw the rangers.

One said, "Take it easy fellows, the Yanks are here."

Another hauled a Yank prisoner from the floor saying, "We got this place, pal."

It all happened so quickly most of them couldn't believe it was true. But their feelings were echoed by an officer who said, "Boy, these rangers sure showed us American power."

Back at the 92nd evacuation hospital the dream gradually became real as they were given medical care, toilet articles and showers.

The captives gradually relaxed as they realized they were not dreaming, but were actually free men again.

GETS AIR MEDAL

Award of the air medal to First Lt. Thomas J. Harper, route 2, Junction City, for flights in field artillery liaison planes, was announced Wednesday by the war department.

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