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Weather Forecast

Snow over east of Cascades today, clearing tonight; Tuesday, fair and partly cloudy east portion; colder tonight.

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Second Battle Of Beachhead Won by Allies

Nazis Believed to Have Suffered Major Defeat In Anzio Area Attacks

Allied Headquarters, Naples, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—The second battle of the Anzio beachhead appeared to have ended in bloody defeat for the German 14th army today as American and British armored forces recaptured almost half of a 4,000-yard salient won by the nazis at tremendous cost in their three-day offensive south of Aprilia.

Stunned and shaken by the ferocity of the allied counterblow and the frightful land, sea, and air bombardment hurled against them, the Germans were surrendering by the hundreds to the advancing American and British troops.

Scores of other Germans were shot down by their own gunners when they turned to flee.

Nazis Make Claim

(A German high command communiqué said an allied battle group had been encircled south of Aprilia, but made no further claims of success in that area. "Heavy, fluctuating fighting" continues on the beachhead, the nazi communiqué said.)

While the bulk of the nine German divisions engaged, six on the Aprilia front and three around Cisterna, waged a grim fighting retreat and counterattacks desperately at several points, front reports indicated their big push had been broken.

Battle-weary nazis were reported falling back slowly this morning under constant attack from land and air, leaving hundreds of their dead and the wreckage of burned-out tanks in the fields and farmhouses lining the bloody road to Anzio.

Prisoners Taken

More than 700 German prisoners were rounded up by the advancing allies. Many of them were dazed and frightened by the Anglo-American air and artillery bombardment.

The only German offensive actions reported today were minor attacks against the allied beachhead perimeter around Cisterna and in the vicinity of Aprilia.

Official word of fighting in the Aprilia sector revealed that the Anglo-American forces had surged back about a mile since the beginning of their counterdrive at noon Saturday.

Beavers Invade Overbay's Yard

It's an ill wind that blows nobody good.

Charles H. Overbay, 1024 Harmon boulevard, believed this today when he reported that beavers had raided his yard in the night, eating a goodly portion of a popular tree he had fallen for wood. The animals had eaten a hole through Overbay's fence, and consumed about three feet of the log.

"But I discovered that they liked the little branches too, so I'll just feed that out to them and save me the trouble of carrying it to the dump," Overbay grinned.

Property Report Deadline Is Set

County Assessor J. A. Fountain today reminded taxpayers that March 2 is the deadline for reports on personal property which must be made to the assessor.

Personal property blankets were recently mailed to all taxpayers, but anyone who failed to receive his is asked to call at Fountain's office in the courthouse.

U. S. Official Says Spain's Rule Is Prototype of Nazism

Washington, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Attorney General Francis Biddle today branded the falangist movement headed by Generalissimo Francisco Franco as the Spanish prototype of nazism and said its doctrine is "incompatible with the well-being of the United States."

Biddle assailed the Spanish political party in announcing that denaturalization proceedings have been started against a Puerto Rican member, Isidro Conde Fernandez, 47. It was the first justice department action of its kind against a falangist, but Biddle hinted that others might follow.

Asserting that Franco "heads the falange and dictates its decrees," Biddle said the party was dedicated to "re-establishment of the lost empire of Spain." It is, he added, "the prototype in Spain of the fascist and nazi parties in Italy and Germany."

Japan, Apparently Smarting Under Pacific Blows, Shakes Up Navy, Army Chiefs of Staff

(By United Press)

Japan, apparently smarting under the crushing blow on Truk, the invasion of Eniwetok atoll in the Marshalls and unceasing aerial assaults on Bismarck archipelago bases, shook up her high command today, removing the chiefs of staff of the imperial army and navy.

The official Japanese Domei agency announced the shifts in command almost simultaneously with a communiqué admitting that American task forces sank 18 ships and destroyed 120 planes in the raid on Truk, the Japanese "Pearl Harbor."

Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo was given the additional post of chief of the army general staff and Navy Minister Shigetaro Shimada, the additional post of chief of the navy general staff. Both appointments were made "personally" by Emperor Hirohito, Domei said.

Former army chief of staff, Field Marshal Gen. Sugiyama, and former navy chief of staff, fleet adm. Osami Nagano, were "relieved" of their posts and no new appointments were announced.

Ship Losses Reported
The Japanese acknowledgment of ship losses was only one less than listed by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific fleet, at Pearl Harbor. The American task force also destroyed at least 201 enemy planes, although the Japanese admitted loss of only 120.

Nimitz also announced that marine and army troops had captured the western half of Eniwetok island and occupied all other islands in the atoll except Parry, which now was isolated. Casualties in the invasion continued light, Nimitz said, although the Americans were meeting opposition.

Four of Family Now in Service
When Jimmy Chambers, 17-year-old Lava Bear football star and a junior at Bend high school, began his "boot" training last week at Farragut, Idaho, naval training station, he brought to 100 per cent the service record of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Chambers, 117 Chamberlain.

Jimmy joins his two brothers and sister who are in the service—each in a different branch. Jack Chambers, 20, was serving with the army air forces on the Philippines when Bataan fell to Japan and since being reported a prisoner, has sent several postal cards to his parents telling that he is well and safe. Jack was graduated from Bend high school in 1941.

Is Staff Sergeant
Bob, 23, is a staff sergeant with a crack army infantry unit in the south Pacific, and has seen action in the Solomons and New Guinea campaigns. S/Sgt. Chambers entered service with Bend's famed company I and was one of about 15 local men transferred to his new unit when the call came for volunteers. Bob was a senior in Bend high school when mustered into service.

Mary, 19, is a member of the army cadet nurses corps at St. Joseph's hospital in Tacoma, Wash., ready to do her part for her brothers upon graduation. She finished Bend high school in 1942.

State Employees Lower Car Travel
Seattle, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—A reduction of about 40 per cent in automobile travel by Washington state employees has saved taxpayers thousands of dollars in the last year, it was reported today.

J. B. Whittall, state government mileage rationing administrator, announced that during 1943 Washington-owned or leased cars were driven 7,229,370 miles by state employees, compared with 12,280,000 miles in 1941.

REDS CLAIM HUGE TOLL
London, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Russia's Baltic armies have killed or captured 97,200 Germans in their month-old drive westward from Leningrad, Moscow announced today while Soviet Ukrainian forces hurled a mighty new offensive against the last remaining nazi stronghold in the Dnieper bend.

JURY LIST PUBLISHED
Names of those who appear on the 1944 jury list, selected this month by the county court, appears in today's Bulletin on page 6.

Semi-Holiday to Be Observed Here
City and county offices, and the banks of Bend will be closed tomorrow in observance of Washington's birthday, it was announced today.

Business as usual will be transacted by most firms, and all federal offices will remain open, it was indicated.

Postmaster Robert H. Fox announced that the postoffice would also be closed.

Air Patrol Class Gets New "Home"
Redmond, Feb. 21—The civil air patrol flight class met in quarters at the officer's club which has been prepared for them at the Redmond army air base Thursday evening. This was the first meeting of the flight group at the base. Previously the meetings have been held at the high school.

Mr. Lane of the base is giving a series of talks to the group on meteorology. M. F. Roberts is commanding officer.

Bend Man Suffers Leg Injury in Train Mishap
Falling from the cupola of an S. P. & S. caboose near Wishram, Wash., H. H. Whitmore, 62, a brakeman of Bend, suffered a fractured leg and other injuries last Friday, according to word received here today. Whitmore was taken to a hospital at The Dalles.

Fernandez, a resident of San Juan, was born in Spain in 1897, came to Puerto Rico in 1915, was naturalized in March, 1942, and joined the falange in January, 1938, Biddle said.

126 German Planes Bagged By U. S. Fliers

Huge Fleet of 2,000 American "Ships" Hits Big German Plants

London, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—About 2,000 American planes struck their second staggering blow at Germany in two days today, attacking on a scale equal to the Sunday bombardment that knocked out one-fourth of Adolf Hitler's fighter plane production.

The systematic destruction of the German air force as a weapon for the last defense of the reich thundered toward a climax as American and British aerial armadas rained an unprecedented weight of explosives on the Nazi homeland.

The repeat performance today by United States forces of the biggest daylight air attack of all time followed a smashing assault by the royal air force on the industrial center of Stuttgart, which rocked under the impact of an estimated 1,600 tons of bombs during the night.

Yanks Back on Job
Soon after announcing that American airmen had shot down 126 German planes in the assault on nazi aircraft centers yesterday, United States headquarters revealed that an equally strong force had returned to hammer targets in northwest Germany today.

Marauder medium bombers of the United States Ninth air force, transferred to Britain from the middle east, joined in the record-shattering offensive with an attack on the German air field in the Cuxyde area of the Belgian coast.

A small force of RAF and Royal Australian air force Mosquito bombers of Britain's second tactical air force smashed at northern France.

Both the American and Imperial operations were covered by Typophons, and one plane was lost. This was the first announcement that the Mosquito units were in action as a part of the RAF tactical air.

Defeat Impressive
Observers said that in all probability the present attacks represented the worst single defeat of German air power since the battle of Britain. Aside from the destruction of nazi planes and the pulverized production centers, they said the campaign demonstrated how thoroughly nazi defenses could be saturated when the RAF and the USAAF team at full strength against targets deep in Germany.

The German air force was assumed to be desperately amassing a reserve against the allied invasion of Western Europe. The best opinion here held that a few more blows like the current series would condemn the Luftwaffe to inferiority as disastrous as that of the Kaiser's air force at the end of the first world war.

Wayne L. Morse To Visit Midstate
Eugene, Ore., Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Wayne L. Morse, candidate for the republican nomination for U. S. senator, will leave here Tuesday on a speaking tour to include Roseburg, Marshfield, Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Bend, Redmond, and after a return to Portland, eastern Oregon cities.

George Brick, Veteran of War No. 1, All Set for War No. 2
George R. Brick, 50, veteran of a war that ended more than 25 years ago, former commander of the Percy A. Stevens post of the American legion and post adjutant since 1937, is all signed up for world War No. 2.

Passing his physical examination 100 per cent, Brick was accepted for duty in the navy ship repair unit and given a rating as chief electrician's mate. He hopes to get into the scrap soon as possible and, he added, do his bit in helping his boy and several other million boys winding up the present war.

"They might figure that working in the mills here is essential duty, but to my way of thinking I can do a better job for Uncle Sam by showing the boys how we did the job in France last time," he added. "If I can help keep the ships afloat so the boys can carry the thunder to the enemy, that's where I had better be."

Brick's son, Eugene, is stationed on a subchaser somewhere in the South Pacific.

"They thought I was too old for the army, but the navy seems to think I'm O. K. or they wouldn't have been so nice to me by giving me the chief's rating," Brick observed.

Brick came to Bend in the fall of 1915, and for 27 years worked as an electrician at The Shevlin-Hixon Company. He was commander of the American Legion post here in 1935 and 1936.

Enlisting at Vancouver, Wash., on December 9, 1917, Brick was transferred overseas after only a short training period as a member of Company B, Fourth combat engineers. He was discharged from the army on August 29, 1919, at Fort Lewis, Wash.

In France Brick figured in several of the major battles, escaping without injury. At Aisne-Marne in July, he went into the sanguinary struggle with the marines, and saw action in August at St. Mihiel, on a defensive sector at Verdun in September, and in September and October at Meuse-Argonne.

When the armistice was signed Brick was assigned with the army of occupation in Germany from November until the time he was transferred back to the states and mustered out.

In discussing his medical examination, Brick noted that he was only two pounds heavier than when he enlisted in the first war. Awaiting a call to active duty, Brick is with his wife, Bernice, and other sons, Sammy 14, and Rowan, 15, and his mother, Mrs. Sophie Brick, at his home at 418 Florida avenue.

Still Has Doughboy Touch



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of Allied Expeditionary Force, shows he hasn't lost his "doughboy" touch as he fires Browning light machine gun from his hip during inspection of infantry unit in England. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

Red Army Believed Saving Big Victory News for Anniversary

Intricate Series of Encircling and Flanking Drives Menace Germans Near Junction of Dno

Moscow, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—An intricate series of soviet encircling and flanking drives along the railways and highways east of Pskov directly threatened the strategic junction of Dno from four directions today.

Steady Russian advances less than 30 miles from Dno raised the question of whether the Germans would be able to make a stand at the rail hub 60 miles east of Pskov under the developing threat to their rear communications.

Meager front reports suggested the possibility that the red army was saving accounts of victories in the making for the 26th anniversary of its founding Wednesday.

Slogans Issued
The central committee of the communist party issued 47 red army slogans for the anniversary. They rang with confidence of ultimate allied triumph over Germany in such terms as "Long live the victory of the Anglo-American-Soviet fighting alliance over the mortal enemy of mankind—the German fascist enslavers."

Front reports from the Ukraine said that heavy blizzards were impeding the Russian advance but probably were making it even harder on Gen. Fritz von Mannstein's struggle to erect a new defensive wall.

(A German communiqué said the Russians were attacking heavily south of Krivori Rog, the heart of the Dnieper bend, east of Zhaskov to the west, south of the Berezhna river in White Russia and southeast of Vitebsk.

A car belonging to Fred N. Van Matre, local contractor, and which was stolen here a week ago, last night was recovered near the Skyliners playground, eight miles out of Bend. The car had been abandoned in snow after thieves had smeared the windows with pie, and ran the motor until the gasoline tank was drained and the oil gone. The machine was discovered by Gordon George and Phil Brogan, high school boys who were skating in the vicinity.

Another car reported stolen from J. D. Donovan was later recovered by state police on Wall street.

Bud Salisbury Hurt in Action
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Salisbury, 802 Delaware, have learned that their son, Pvt. Monroe Salisbury, was wounded in action recently in the Southwest Pacific theater.

The notification, which was signed by Capt. Josephus Daniels, Jr., marine corps headquarters in Washington, stated that the information had been "delayed," and that further details would be forwarded as soon as possible. Monroe was injured in the knees by gunshot, the letter stated.

A V-mail letter was received from "Bud" himself Saturday—the same day the official notification came—stating that his wounds are healing and that he is at a base hospital somewhere in the South Pacific. The marine was a senior in Bend high school last year when he enlisted.

4 Year Old Girl Fatally Burned
Lebanon, Ore., Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Funeral services will be held in Lebanon tomorrow for four-year-old Helen Van Horn who burned to death Saturday when her clothing was ignited by flames from a fireplace in her home.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huey Van Horn of Cascadia, Ore.

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London, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—The Berlin radio said tonight that attacking allied armor had broken into the German positions south of Aprilia in the Anzio beachhead, but claimed the penetration was wiped out by a tank-led nazi counter-attack.

Mighty Rifles of U. S. Vessels Believed to Have Had Part in Daring Attack on Nip Bastion

Invasion Forces Battle Way Across Foe-Held Eniwetok Atoll as World Still Speculates on Blasting of Pacific Fortress by Americans

Pearl Harbor, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—U. S. invasion forces battled their way across the next-to-the-last enemy-held island in Eniwetok atoll today as front dispatches indicated a battleship bombardment may have aided carrier-based planes in sinking 19 Japanese ships in last week's smashing raid on Truk.

(A Japanese communiqué broadcast by Tokyo radio admitted the loss of 18 ships, including two cruisers and three destroyers, and 120 planes in the American attack on Truk. It claimed the sinking of two American cruisers, the damaging of an aircraft carrier and an unidentified warship and the destruction of 54 carrier-based planes.)

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific fleet, announced in a communiqué late yesterday that marines and army troops had captured the western half of Eniwetok island and occupied all other islands in the atoll except Parry, which was isolated by the landing on Eniwetok.

Casualties Light
"Although the Americans are meeting opposition, casualties continued to be light," Nimitz said.

The invaders were expected to complete the conquest of the atoll, 750 miles northeast of Truk, within a matter of days, bettering even their eight-day victory on Kwajalein earlier this month.

Speculation that the 16-inch guns of American battleships may have contributed to the destruction at Truk last week stemmed from official reports that all aerial opposition had been wiped out in the first day of the assault, leaving the way clear for warships to approach within gun range.

19 Ships Sunk
Altogether, the powerful American task force sank 19 Japanese ships, probably sank seven others, destroyed at least 201 enemy planes and wrecked shore installations last Wednesday and Thursday in the greatest naval victory numerically since the battle of the Bismarck sea in March 1943, when American planes sank an entire convoy of 22 enemy ships.

The successful attack cost the American armada only 17 planes lost and "moderate damage" to one warship.

"The Pacific fleet has returned at Truk the visit made by the Japanese fleet to Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and effected partial (Continued On Page 3)

Los Angeles Area Hit by Storm
Los Angeles, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Scattered showers in the lowlands and more snow in the mountains were forecast for today as Southern California cleaned up after its worst storm in 13 years, a mixture of snow, hail and rain that dumped 3.68 inches of precipitation on Los Angeles in 24 hours and blocked mountain highways.

The heavy downpour, which started late Saturday, reached a climax yesterday when lightning heralded a 10-minute downfall of hail and snow that whitened streets and house-tops.

The weather bureau said the snow was not the real thing, just "snow pellets," but it looked like the real thing to oldtimers who had to explain what "that white stuff" was to children.

Scattered parts of the city were blacked out by power failures which went unrepaired because of the current strike of department of water and power employees. However, maintenance workers kept lines open to war plants.

Chamber Receives Fishing Inquiry
Don H. Peoples, secretary of the Bend chamber of commerce, today opined that spring is surely just around the corner, when he reported noting a genuine harbinger: He received a long distance telephone call from a San Francisco man inquiring about the fishing possibilities around Bend. The man was Walter Baringer, and he advised the secretary that he usually fished in the Cascades each year.

"I told him that we'd had a bit of snow, and that the fish were rarin' to go," Peoples said. "This is a sure sign of spring!"

Soldier Accused of Giving Aid To 2 Escaped War Prisoners
Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Federal authorities today promised a speedy trial for Pvt. Dale Maple, 24, San Diego, the first American soldier charged with treason in World War II.

The handsome Harvard graduate, who according to the federal bureau of investigation was dismissed from the ROTC in 1940 because of alleged pro-nazi sympathies, was charged with aiding in the escape or two nazi prisoners from the prison stockade at the army winter training center at Camp Hale, high in the Colorado Rockies.

Maple and the two prisoners were captured Thursday when their car broke down just south of the Mexican border and were turned over to U. S. authorities by the Mexican immigration office.

Maple denied the charges on arraignment and was held in default of \$100,000 bond. U. S. District Attorney Howard Houk said his case would be presented to a federal grand jury in Santa Fe, N. M., March 6, and his trial would be held shortly after that. Maximum penalty on conviction is death, Houk said.

The two Germans, Earhard Schwichtenberg and Heinrich Kilian, neither of whom could speak English, were reported missing Tuesday night. At the same time, officials at Camp Hale reported that Maple was absent without leave from the camp.

Details of the escape were not known, the FBI said, and Maple would make no statement other than to maintain his innocence. The youth, clean-shaven and scrupulous about his appearance, remained calm through the questioning, officials reported.

The two prisoners, members of Rommel's Afrika Korps, stoically puffed pipes during the three-hour questioning period and officials said they would be returned to camp either today or tomorrow.