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Weather Forecast
Cloudy with scattered showers
west of Cascades and snow flur-
ries over mountains today, to-
night and Sunday. Not much tem-
perature change.

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Zhukov's Guns Open Fire on Big Baltic City

Stettin Put Under Fire
As Russians Storm Into
Aldamm; Action Flares

London, March 17 (UP)—Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's forces stormed into Aldamm today, last German stronghold on the east bank of the lower Oder, and opened fire on Stettin, big Baltic port across the river from Aldamm.

Moscow and Berlin reports told of mounting action everywhere on the eastern front between beleaguered Koelnberg, capital of east Prussia, and the Lake Balaton area of Hungary.

Moscow dispatches said there was reason to expect word of significant developments soon from the blacked-out Berlin front between Kuestrin and the Silesian battlefields.

Artillery Massed
Soviet reports said Zhukov was storming Aldamm and has massed an "extraordinary" concentration of artillery in the Stettin sector "preparatory to another of those classic breakthroughs which hitherto have brought staggering dividends."

Berlin reported that the red army opened a violent new offensive over a wide front in western Hungary. Nazi broadcasts said it was aimed at forcing the Germans east of Lake Balaton to regroup.

Ernst Von Hammer, Nazi radio commentator, said that on the blood-drenched battlefield west of Oppellin in Silesia, the struggle "seems to be approaching a moment of supreme crisis." He said extremely strong armored forces were locked in crucial fighting.

Big Battle Reported
Another big battle in southern Silesia north of Ratibor was reported by Von Hammer to have gathered new ferocity. There, he said, the Russians threw in strong tank forces, and "despite ceaseless onslaught they only managed to gain a little ground."

Far to the northeast, other battles appeared to be in their decisive phase at Koelnberg, Danzig, Gdynia, and smaller German pockets along the Baltic coast.

Moscow reports said the days of Danzig and Gdynia appeared numbered after the Russians drove a wedge to the sea between them, isolating the hard pressed garrisons of both.

The fall of these cities, the Soviets said, will release formidable forces for the forthcoming assault along the lower Oder.

High Winds Cause Damage in Bend

Winds of gale velocity struck Bend today, causing considerable property damage, and disrupting communication and power systems. Throughout the city, residents reported trees down, and linemen were kept busy righting power and telephone poles which had been toppled by the gale.

The weather station reported that today's wind was the second time in the 15-year history of the station that the wind had reached gale velocity, it being recorded between 39 and 43 miles an hour.

Probably most extensive damage was caused by a pine tree that fell across a building at the Wahee courts, at the south city limits. The tree hit the dining room building, crashing through the roof.

One House Struck

At least one house was struck, and a truck and automobile by falling trees, according to reports to the police.

Limbs of a large juniper washed through the roof of the home of Jack Masterson, 22 Louisiana street, when the tree fell across the house. An automobile parked on Harriman street near the St. Charles hospital was struck by a tree, as was a truck on Scott street. Street department employees and residents of the neighborhood joined in clearing Scott street, where several trees were blown down.

Poles Reported Down

Two power poles were reported down on East Fourth street, and trees felled by the wind at Lafayette and Wall. South Third and Burnside and at Wall and Ida streets, interrupted the flow of traffic.

Light signs, both of metal and wood, were blown from buildings throughout the city as tumble weed swept swiftly down Bend's main thoroughfares.

A portion of the skylight was ripped from atop Moody's Men's Wear shop; and further damage was reported to the tall wire fence around the high school tennis courts.

Shortly after noon crewmen for (Continued on Page 3)

Dies in Action



Pfc. Charles C. Crosswhite, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Crosswhite, Route 2, was killed in action on March 3 in Germany, while serving with a tank corps unit, the war department has announced. Born in Fossil, Charles was graduated from Bend high school with the class of 1941.

Snow on Divide 85 Inches Deep As Storm Hits

Snow continued to pile up along the Cascade divide today, causing motorists some inconvenience, but bringing joy to Central Oregon irrigationists, stockmen and foresters.

The heavy fall of snow this week entirely changes the runoff outlook for water users, and brings some promise that a sufficient inflow to assure an partly-filled reservoir will receive ample water supply.

The present storm had deposited snow to a greater depth all along the divide, than has been recorded in recent years. Forecast was for continued snow over the mountains tonight and tomorrow.

Storm General
Reports to the offices of the state highway department here today indicated that the snowfall was general all along the mountains, but did not extend far to the east. Millican reported only one-half inch of snow, and Crescent one inch.

On the Santiam summit, however, snow had piled up to a depth of more than seven feet, a total of 85 inches being measured there at 9 a.m. The storm was still raging, it was reported, with winds drifting the snow and causing highway maintenance crews operating plows to wage a constant battle to keep the traffic artery open. Five inches of new snow was reported on this route.

A total of 63 inches of snow was reported on the Willamette highway route, with seven inches falling in the night. Plows were also operating on this highway, with "packed" conditions prevailing on the roadway east of the summit.

Snow Tapers Off
Heavy snowfall was reported south of Crescent on The Dalles-California highway, 10 inches of new snow being noted in the Sun mountain region. It was also reported snowing hard there this morning.

Highway crewmen on the Wapinitia route reported a total depth of 56 inches of snow, with two inches falling in the present storm last night.

F.D.R. WED 40 YEARS
Washington, March 17 (UP)—President and Mrs. Roosevelt observed their 40th wedding anniversary today with a family luncheon in the White House.

Brothers Reunited in Italy



Sam (left) and Phil Peoples, sons of S. R. Peoples, Bend, recently got together for a visit at the former's P-51, Mustang, fighter base in Italy. Second Lt. Phil flies a P-47, Thunderbolt, for the 12th Air Force in Italy, while First Lt. Sam does escort and strafing missions with the 15th Air Force. Official AAF photo by Cpl. Ralph H. Kofski, Jr.

Mackmen Cut Japanese Line In Philippines

Surprising Tactics By
Yanks Split Foe Army
In Struggle on Luzon

Manila, March 17 (UP)—Japanese forces in eastern Luzon were virtually split in two today by a wide-sweeping American thrust which cut the enemy's main north-south communication line.

The vital supply route was snapped by elements of the 43rd division which circled through the mountains below Antipolo, 12 miles east of Manila, and swept through the town of Maybancal, one mile from the north shore of Laguna bay.

Other forces of the 43rd also struck four miles eastward from Antipolo in a dual drive which Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said destroyed the entire southern flank of the elaborate Wawa-Antipolo line.

Jap Defenses Smashed
The Japanese strong defense positions south and east of Antipolo were smashed with "great losses to the enemy both in personnel and supplies and with only light losses to our own troops," MacArthur said.

In cutting the enemy's vital communication line in that sector, the 43rd division troops executed one of the most surprising tactical moves of the bitterly fought campaign of Manila.

The American left the highway at recently-captured Antipolo, cut westward through the mountains and then swung back north to occupy high ground dominating Teresa, on the main highway midway between Antipolo and Maybancal.

Trail Terminus
Besides being the junction of two highways skirting around Laguna bay, Maybancal also is the terminus of mountain trails leading in southeastern Luzon.

Units of the 11th airborne division operating south of Laguna bay closed in on Mt. Bjang, a Japanese stronghold between American held Los Banos and Santo Tomas.

In southern Luzon, the 158th regiment made an eight-mile amphibious hop down the eastern shore of Balayan bay to seize Dagatan on Calumpunan peninsula and were pushing rapidly against light opposition toward Mabini, one mile to the east.

St. Patrick's Day Breezy, But Quiet

And it was St. Patrick's day all day in Bend today, but, sons of the Emerald Isle agreed, it was no day for a shamrock to be sprouting, with snow falling, wind blowing and dust racing about. But, if the shamrocks in buttonholes were lacking, there was an occasional green shirt in evidence, and plenty of green was seen.

There was no observance of St. Patrick's day in Bend, and the nearest thing to a celebration will be the 30th annual St. Paddy's dance, to be sponsored tonight by the Irish ladies in the former USO hall.

BULLETIN

Paris, March 17 (UP)—American Third Army troops swept through Coblenz today and by evening had cleared at least nine-tenths of the historic citadel on the Rhine.

Yanks on Rampage Near Rhine Heart of Kobe Flaming Inferno

Observers Say Fire Unchecked In City's Heart

Conflagration Spreads
As Winds Whip Region
Blasted By U. S. Fliers

Guam, March 17 (UP)—At least 12 square miles of docks, war factories and other buildings in the heart of Kobe, Japan's principal port, were a flaming inferno today after the biggest B-29 raid of the war.

Fires visible more than 100 miles at sea swept through the inflammable fifth largest city in Japan. More than 2,500 tons of incendiary bombs were dropped by well over 300 Superfortresses in the pre-dawn raid.

"Nine solid square miles of Kobe are burning or in ashes in and immediately surrounding the original five-square-mile target area," Maj. Gen. Curtis Le May, commander of the 21st bomber command announced.

Rangoon Attacked
A few hours after the Kobe raid, a medium force of B-29's from India struck at military storage areas in Rangoon, Burma. It was the fourth Superfortress raid on Rangoon, one of the largest military centers in Japanese-held territory. Headquarters of the 20th air force in Washington announced the raid.

Ground crews here learned that for the third successive raid no Guam-based planes had been lost. Col. William Blanchard, Chel-sey, Mass., observer for Le May, hovered off the target area for two hours watching the fires.

He said a heavy wind was whipping flames in a huge patch toward dock areas and harbor installations.

Osaka Fires Glow
Blanchard said a glow of fire and smoke clouds still could be seen over Osaka, indicating that fires from Wednesday's Superfort incendiaries were still burning themselves out.

Capt. William Marchesi, Brooklyn, N. Y., said the Kobe industrial area seemed to be literally bursting into flames.

"You could see separate blazes flash up and then start moving in on each other until there was one big fire instead of several," Marchesi said. He added he could still see the glow of flames from his plane was 200 miles off the Japanese coast.

Sgt. William A. Maxey, Ft. Smith, Ark., said there was a "wonderful fire going on" when his plane was over the target at 4:30 a.m.

Plants Blasted
An aircraft factory and a locomotive plant in southeast Kobe were among the key targets hit and set afire, one pilot said.

Others told of fires in shipyards, docks and buildings.

It was the fourth major B-29 raid on Japan in a week and caused destruction second only to that inflicted on Tokyo, where 17 square miles were destroyed last Saturday. Two square miles were burned out in Nagoya, Japan's third largest city, Monday and five square miles in Osaka, second largest city, Wednesday.

Father of FDR Aide Known Here

Announcement by President Roosevelt that he had chosen Col. Richard Park, Jr., of the field artillery, to become his military aide, recalled to many Central Oregon persons the activities of his father, Col. Richard Park, Sr., in this area. Col. Park, Sr., formerly was in charge of the Portland headquarters, U. S. Army engineers, before his retirement while stationed at Seattle.

In the past year, Col. Park, Sr., frequently visited Central Oregon, and was instrumental in laying out the power line plans for the Cove plant and North Irrigation project.

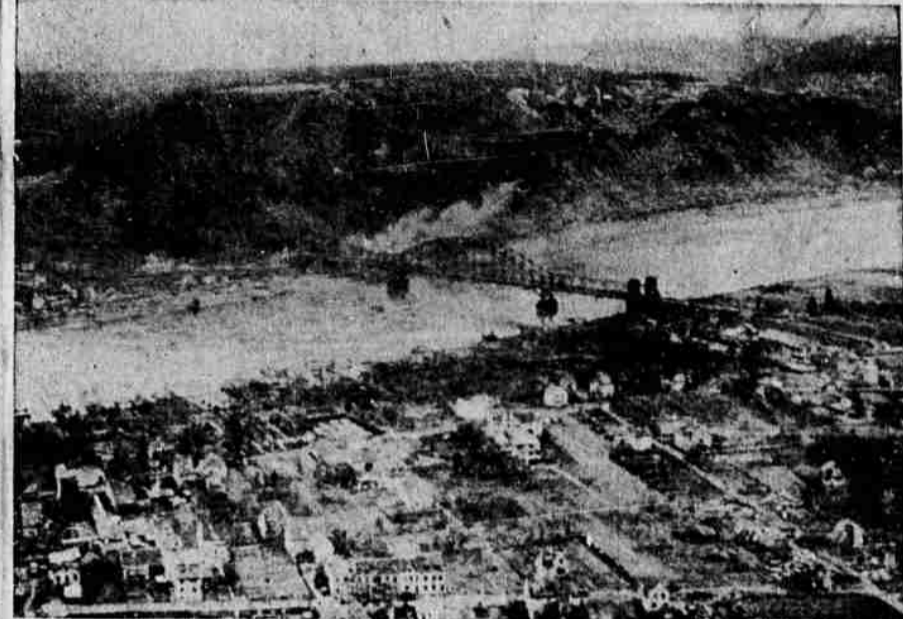
TODAY IN GERMANY
(By United Press)

German refugees were reported fleeing toward Denmark, which appeared to have been bypassed by the destruction of war.

Telephone communications were out between Stockholm and Berlin.

The nerve-wracked German capital was bombed for the 25th consecutive night.

Where Yanks Crossed Rhine



The bridge across the Rhine over which men and materials of the U. S. First Army are pouring into Germany, stretches across the river from the town of Remagen. Smoke rises from near the far end of the bridge which is constantly under fire from Nazi heavy guns.

Ireland Observes St. Paddy's Day

Dublin, March 17 (UP)—Although Eire is neutral, wartime regulations restricted celebration of St. Patrick's day in the Irish homeland today.

In contrast with Irishmen scattered over the world, the people at home especially were handicapped in "drowning the shamrock."

Laws of the country required all public drinking houses to close on St. Patrick's day. Shortage of spirits made it impossible to lay in home stocks for the occasion.

The only places permitted to have bars were private clubs, race tracks and dog shows where attendance was limited to a fortunate few.

No Parade Held
For the fifth successive year Dubliners did not get to see the Irish army parade—one of the prewar highlights.

At all army posts, however, troops held church parades and the men were free to attend athletic contests in their areas tonight.

Despite the restrictions, the "wearing of the green" was observed by everyone in the country from president Douglas Hyde down to the humblest workers.

All business was suspended throughout the country over the long weekend and hundreds thronged the capital which was the main center of observance.

U. S. Seeks Bases To Pound Japan

Miami, Fla., March 17 (UP)—The immediate objective of the war against Japan is to obtain as many bases as possible from which to bomb the Japanese homeland, general of the army Henry H. Arnold said here today.

Arnold, hospitalized here for some time, held a joint press conference with Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney immediately upon the latter's arrival in this country from the southwest Pacific. Kenney is here to make a confidential report to the army air force commander.

"We would like to get as many bases as we can within striking distance of Japan," Arnold said, "so we can put the maximum number of planes in the air over Japan."

Asked About Landings
He made his statement when asked whether a landing on the Chinese coast would be necessary if Japan is to be hammered into submission from the air. His reply indicated that the projected Chinese landing, as well as perhaps other invasions, would be carried out.

Arnold said the same bombing tactics would be applied to Japan as to Germany—destruction of transportation lines, industrial centers, and gasoline stores. "The air forces proposed to deprive the Japanese of everything we can take away from them," Arnold said.

Iwo Battle Cost High, Admit Officers; Island Called Vital

Conquest Brings War Against Japanese Closer
To End, Say Leaders; Toll of Dead Is 4,189

Guam, March 17 (UP)—The conquest of Iwo in the bloodiest battle of the Pacific was hailed officially today as having brought the war against Japan much closer to the end.

Pacific fleet headquarters said casualties totaled 19,938—766 a day or one every two minutes—among three marine divisions, normally about 45,000 men.

The toll comprised 4,189 dead, 15,308 wounded and 441 missing in action against an estimated 21,000 Japanese killed.

Still more marines and Japanese may die. The last organized enemy resistance was smashed at 6 p.m. yesterday, but scattered disorganized Japanese still remained to snipe and kill from caves.

All officers admitted the cost was high, but Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said the conquest of the eight-square-mile island 750 miles south of Tokyo brought the war "much closer to its inevitable end."

Base Held Vital
"The United States marines, by their individual and collective courage have conquered a base which is as necessary to us in our continuing forward movement toward victory as it was vital to the enemy in staving off ultimate defeat," Nimitz said in a communique.

"By their victory, the third, fourth, and fifth marine divisions and other units of the fifth amphibious corps have made an accounting to the country which only history will be able to value fully."

Lt. Gen. Holland M. (Howling Mad) Smith, commanding general to fleet marine forces, warned that "you can't set the cost of lives that you will pay for an island."

"The United States and the United Nations over-all tactical plan called for the seizure and occupation of Iwo Jima," Smith said. "Its capture was necessary to continued, vigorous prosecution of the offensive against the Japanese."

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Coblenz Under Siege as U. S. Forces Strike

Spectacular 15-Mile
Spurt May Entrap Foe
West of Nazi Stream

Paris, March 17 (UP)—American mobile columns dashed virtually at will through the Rhine valley south of besieged Coblenz today, and Berlin said the Yanks had broken across the Nahe river near Bad Kreuznach, transport hub at the back door of the outflanked Saar basin.

A spectacular spurt of 15 miles or more by the U. S. fourth armored division into the Nahe valley threatened to trap the 100,000 or so German troops clamped in a tightening pincers by the American Third and Seventh armies.

Supreme headquarters said the lightning thrusts by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army up the Rhine valley had carried well behind the Saar. The transport network branching out from Bad Kreuznach, 37 miles south of Coblenz, was being chopped up.

Rhine Town Seized
In the Remagen bridgehead, other U. S. forces were credited by the German high command with capturing Koensigswinter, Rhine town 7 1/2 miles north of Remagen, thus nailing down the northern flank of the pocket now bulging strongly across the Ruhr-Rhine superhighway.

The Nazis were gloomy over the swift pace of events in the Rhine-land. A Transocean correspondent reported:

"During the last 24 hours events have taken place on the western front amounting to an American success which cannot be belittled. In the south, a mobile battle is in full swing since the U. S. Third army broke through across the Nahe near Bad Kreuznach."

A German military spokesman said Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had thrown 15 armored and 25 infantry divisions into the offensive between Cologne and the Karlsruhe corner.

Paces Third Army
Maj. Gen. Hugh Gaffey's rambling fourth armored division paced the Third army flanking drive into the Saar-Palatinate corner of Germany, with a spurt from Simmern to the Nahe valley half way from Coblenz to Ludwigshafen.

Some 45 miles south of the Nahe river, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U. S. Seventh army was swarming northward on a 50-mile front after tearing out the anchor of the last German salient in France with the capture of Eltche and striking into the outer defenses of the Siegfried line.

On Patton's other flank, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' Remagen bridgehead forces cleaned up the villages of Bremschied, Relfer, Heeg, and Hahnen on the rim of their 13- by 7-mile pocket. They linked their salients across the Ruhr-Rhine superhighway near Hoven, forming a solid front of a mile or so on the road.

Security restrictions cloaked the precise course of the fourth armored advance.

Reports Wanted
Harold Gentry, chairman of the general chamber of commerce sponsored drive in Bend, again urged merchants and business houses today to turn in their reports. He said that approximately 25 per cent of them had not been heard from.

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A thrilling tale
by
Lionel Moslier

Starts in The Bulletin Monday.