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"30" For Jack Frankish

Well a German bullet has written the fatal "30" to the end of the career of young Jack Frankish, as a war correspondent.

Many of our readers must have noticed the Frankish by-line at the head of recent dispatches from the western front.

He was one of the United Press service's younger stars, and a very promising one. Only a little over a decade ago he was kid editor of his High School paper at Ontario, California. Now his work is finished.

ALWAYS in the thick of it, Jack got too close to the advancing Germans last Saturday and now the war department "regrets to inform", etc., etc.

Well that is war,—and that is war-reporting these days. What a change since the theatrical junketing of the Richard Harding Davis era,—when being a war correspondent was about as dangerous as riding to the hounds, and even more romantic.

Frankish gets the 49th "star" in the Western Union fatality list. Who will be the 50th? No safety-zone or ringside seat at this war,—it is playing for keeps for anyone who gets near it!

Will Hitler Reach Paris?

Many are asking if Hitler will get to Paris? Well, what this department doesn't know about the future of this war would fill the bottomless pit.

But regardless, we always find it hard to resist the temptation of sticking the editorial neck out, when a direct question like that is asked.

So our answer is an emphatic "no!"

HITLER will not only never get back to Paris—except feet-first,—he will never get to the Marne, or in all probability to much of the soil of France.

More than that we seriously doubt if he planned to. For as we view it this German counter-offensive, amazingly successful as it was and still is, was definitely a DEFENSIVE rather than an OFFENSIVE measure.

We mean by that, the German armies had reached a point where they could retreat no further,—at least without accepting defeat.

The allies had been slowed down, the Germans were fighting desperately and skillfully all along the line; but they were slowly but surely being forced BACK.

And as we stated at the time the allies were within artillery range of the Ruhr and Saar industrial centers,—the Third Reich's vital HEART.

SO-O-O-O—Hitler, or the German High Command, or whoever is really running things in the Third Reich now, had only two alternatives, to-wit:

I: Either continue the rear action, contesting every foot until the inevitable "coup de grace," or—

II: Make a last desperate effort to drive the enemy from Germany's heart, and get relief—a breathing spell. The latter was decided upon and ten days ago the blow was struck.

WE grant it was far more successful than anyone on this side of the Atlantic believed possible.

We have an idea the German High Command was pleasantly surprised as well.

But in our judgment this offensive will go down in military history as something that delayed Germany's defeat, did not prevent it.

A Man Sized Job

What is power politics anyway? In a few days now, there will be an important meeting of U. S. Senators to devise ways and means of ridding the peace conference of "power politics."

Before the effort gets into full swing we believe there should be a more definite definition of the term than has thus far been revealed in any public discussions.

DOES, for example, the trip of Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Minister Eden to Greece represent the "power politics" that the senatorial group believes must be eliminated if the allies are to "win the peace?"

If so, then the elimination process is going to be a man-sized job. For unless the people of Great Britain are willing to do what the Churchill government will NEVER do,—"preside at the liquidation of the British empire" this sort of "power politics" must, and will, go on.

We mean what is generally known as establishing "spheres of influence." For with India to retain in the Near East, Britain can't afford—or believes it can't afford—to have a hostile government, or anything but a friendly one, in Turkey or in Greece.

Turkey IS pro-British. But if the recently formed government in Greece is overthrown by the Communists, their successors won't be; and the British Empire,—at least as represented by the Conservative party now in power,—can't stand for anything like that.

MORE than that. What is true in London is also true in Moscow. Stalin will insist upon a government in Poland friendly to him, and eventually in Manchuria no doubt.

Yes MORE power politics,—MORE spheres of influence!

All of which may be as wicked as the U. S. senatorial crusaders maintain, but let them have no illusions as to SIZE of the job, when they set out to extirpate either or both!

RED CROSS URGES PUBLIC TO SKIMP ON NURSE SERVICE

Washington, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—The Red Cross urged the public today to ration itself on nursing services and to insist that nurses who are classified "available" for military duty answer the army's call for "10,000 nurses now."

With the overseas nurse shortage growing more acute as battles intensify, the army for the first time is sending hospital units abroad without nurses. Of the 41,000 nurses now in service, 75 per cent are overseas.

Miss Gertrude Banfield, assistant director of the Red Cross nursing service in charge of recruiting, said plenty of nurses were available to fill the army's quota of 10,000 but that they are reluctant to enlist. She urged that:

- 1. Civilians boycott nurses who could be spared from home-front hospitals by refusing to hire any who have been classified as "available" by the war manpower commission.
2. Civilians overcome their own "unwillingness to curtail luxury services."

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Livestock: Cattle, 200 calves, 25 Active, steady. Steers scarce. Strictly good fed steers Tuesday \$16.00 to \$15.50. Common-medium calves today \$9.00 to \$12. Fat dairy type cows \$8.00 to \$10. Medium beef cows \$11. Bulls scarce; best beef bulls Tuesday \$11.50. Good-choice vealers \$13.50 to \$14.50.

Hogs, 300. Active, steady. Good-choice hogs \$10.25 to \$10.75. 255-300-lb. \$14.50 to \$15. Good sows \$13.25 to \$13.75; lightweights to \$14. Good-choice feeder pigs \$14.

South San Francisco, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—(USA)—Cattle, 300. Slow, barely steady in spots. Good steers and heifers scarce. Fat Tuesday one load medium to good steers \$12.25. Today, two loads feeder steers \$12.50. One load medium to good range cows \$12. Weighty dairy-bred cows \$9.50 to \$10.50, cutters \$7.50 to \$8.50, canners \$5 to \$7. Bulls quoted steady, good \$11 to \$11.50, medium \$10 to \$10.50.

Calves, none. Nominal. Hogs, 300. Active, steady. Fed loads good to choice 200-270-lb. barrows and gilts \$15.75, medium \$14.75. Odd good sows \$14.

Sheep, 600. No early action, quoted steady. Good to choice full-wooled lambs \$14.50 to \$15, common to medium \$9 to \$11.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—(WFA)—Livestock: Cattle, 13,000. Good and choice 150 lbs. and up \$14.25 to \$14.75. Most sows \$14, complete clearance. Cattle, 10,000. Calves, 1,000. Largely steer run; bulk \$13.75 to \$16.50; top \$17.40, paid for yearlings; choice heavy steers \$17, bulk heifers \$13 to \$15; cows and bulls 25 cents higher, vealers \$15.50 down.

Hogs, 9,000. Load good and choice fed wooled western lambs \$15, numerous loads held at \$13.25 to \$13.35; three decks medium and good lambs \$14.

Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Wholesale produce markets: Apples, 10,000, \$3.50; local \$2.50 crates; California \$2.50. Spinach—Local \$2 orange box, Texas \$1.52 9's per hamper.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Wheat: Open High Low Close May \$1.84 1/2 \$1.84 1/2 \$1.63 1/2 \$1.64 1/2 July \$1.55 1/2 \$1.55 1/2 \$1.41 1/2 \$1.42 1/2 Sept. 1.54 1/2 1.54 1/2 1.33 1/2 1.34 1/2

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Dairy market: Butter: 93 score 43, 92 score 42 1/2, 90 score 42 1/4, 89 score 41 3/4.

Cheese: Wholesale prices loafs 27.2, triplets 26.2. Eggs: Large grade A 57 1/2, large grade B 44 1/2, medium grade A 52 1/2, small grade A 44 1/2.

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Long postponed tax selling broke out on the stock market today when Washington reports gave a clue to a bleak future for tax reductions.

Prices broke 1 to more than 3 points when selling was at its height at mid-session and for a time the tickers were unable to keep pace with the market.

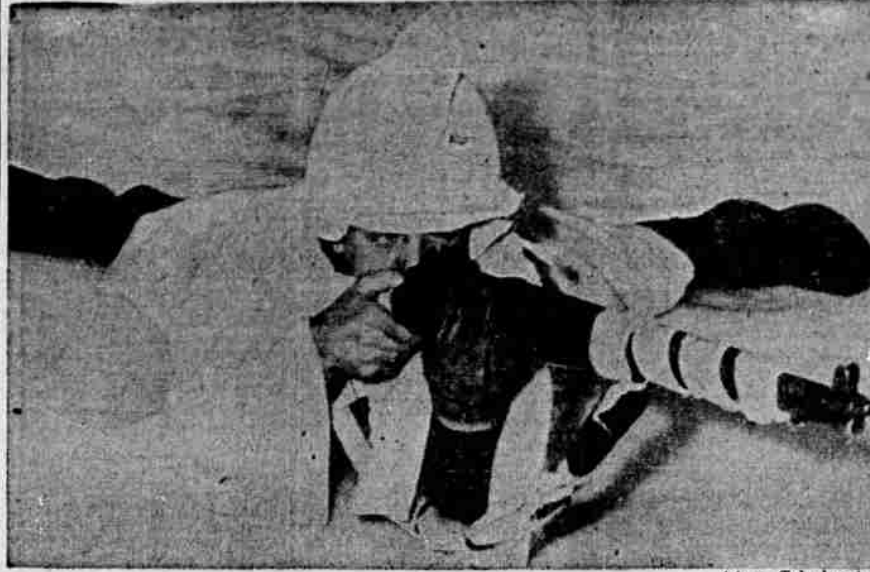
Traders who had anticipated doing their selling to establish profits for the income tax account next year to profit by a reduced tax dumped part of their holdings on a market unwilling to absorb stock except at reduced prices.

However, the recession finally attracted new buyers and prices came back substantially from the lows in many instances.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks: American Tel. & Teleg. 163 1/2, Anaconda 27 1/2, Chrysler 89 1/2, Curtiss Wright 5 3/4, General Electric 37 3/4, General Motors 37 3/4, General Motors 62 1/4, Montgomery Ward 50 3/4, Penn. R. R. 32 3/4, Phillips Petroleum 42 3/4, J. C. Penney 109, Radio 10, Southern Pacific 40 3/4, Standard Oil of California 37 3/4, Texas Gulf Sulphur 35 1/2, Transamerica 10 3/4, United Aircrafts 29 1/2, U. S. Rubber 58 3/4, U. S. Steel 58 1/4.

The greatest annual production of automobiles in the United States occurred in 1929 when 4,500,000 were produced.

Winter Style Note for Yank Fighting Men



This is the new cape being used by American infantrymen in snow-covered areas of Belgium. White cloth wrapped around rifle lessens visibility. Sgt. Marvin C. Eans Jr. of Owensboro, Ky., models the outfit at Washington demonstration.

DINING CAR MEN GIVEN SENTENCES

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Seventeen stewards and three waiters charged with juggling meal checks on the Union Pacific challenger today sought new employment ordered by a federal court which fined the stewards \$500 each and the waiters \$250 each.

The stewards also received one year prison sentences which were suspended on condition that they do not work in their old profession for 17 months.

The waiters were put on 18 months' probation on the same condition.

The group was the first of 135 indicted on charges of conspiracy to commit theft in interstate commerce to enter pleas. They admitted the charges, but denied any criminal intent.

The remainder of the group will enter pleas Tuesday.

Alaskans Sending Cigarettes Away

Ketchikan, Alaska, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—The cigarette shortage has hit ration-free Alaska.

Stores here today announced they would sell a maximum of two packs a day to a customer.

Reason: Too many have been buying too much to send to the United States.

CARQUIZEZ, ANTIOCH SPANS TO BE FREE

Sacramento, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—The Carquizez and Antioch bridges will be toll free after Sept. 1, next year, C. H. Purcell, director of public works, estimated today.

The bridges were acquired by the state toll bridge authority Sept. 16, 1940, from the American Toll Bridge Co., at a cost of approximately \$5,500,000.

McGUIRE GETS 38th Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—America's No. 2 all-time ace, Maj. Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., of Ridgewood, N. J., shot down four more enemy planes today to boost his personal bag to 38 — just two fewer than the mark set by Maj. Richard I. Bong of Poplar, Wis.

Visits Here—A/C William R. Stout, who has been training at Guhter Field, Ala., stopped to spend a day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stout, 23 Almond street, while en route to Columbus, Miss., for advanced training. He arrived Christmas night and left Tuesday night.



PENSIONER PREFERS TO BE PRESENTEE—David Stear, (left) for many months has waived his pension rights to stay on job at rubber factory. Vice-president Graham congratulates him for not missing a day since Pearl Harbor.

Jap Dead at Ormoc



This dead Japanese soldier, victim of American naval fire in the assault on the Ormoc sector of Leyte Island, has scattered equipment about but still wears glasses over his sightless eyes. Americans took heavy toll of Japanese in Leyte corridor.

PARIS WOUNDED VICTIMS OF BOMB

Paris, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—A bomb dropped by a German plane in the first air raid on Paris in two months collapsed a servicemen's club filled with 200 wounded American soldiers "like a house of cards" last night, killing and further wounding a number of them.

Only two planes were believed to have participated in the raid, the first since Halloween. Paris was ablaze with lights at the time, the blackout having been lifted 10 days ago in the belief that all danger of such attacks had passed.

According to war manpower commission, 3,000 Navajo Indians never before separated from their normal surroundings were recruited in New Mexico last year for railroad and sheepherding jobs in Colorado and Wyoming.

Neel Newland Of Seabees Returns For Home Visit

Neel Newland, chief MM, of the Seabees, arrived recently in Medford from overseas after an absence from the States of 28 months, one year of which was served in the South Pacific.

A short time before leaving for the States he, by chance, met his brother Oswald West Newland, MMM 2/3, of the Seabees, whom he had not seen since some time before leaving the States.

After spending most of Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Newland, 851 East 9th St., Newland left for Klamath Falls where he meets his wife and daughter from Bend. Together they will visit another brother and family, returning to Medford about Dec. 30.

Mrs. Anna Turrill Taken By Death

Mrs. Anna Turrill, 75, wife of Herman Turrill, passed away at her home in the Meadows district early Wednesday. She had been in ill health for about a year.

Besides her husband she leaves a niece, Mrs. E. A. Hicks, Medford. Services will be held in the Conger-Morris chapel at 2 p. m. Friday with the Rev. Louis C. Kirby officiating. Interment will be in Central Point cemetery.

FREDERIC FLESHMAN TO TAKE AIR TESTS

Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss.—Pvt. Frederick Carl Fleshman, son of Mrs. J. C. Fleshman, 112 Genessee street, Medford, Ore., has reported to Keesler field to take the army air forces training command examinations to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

As an applicant for training that will make him a flying officer, he will be given a series of medical and psychological tests at Keesler field which will indicate the type of air crew training for which he is best suited by aptitude and personal characteristics.

A superior type of "water-proof" match has been developed by manufacturers especially for use by servicemen under conditions of unusual humidity and dampness, war production board reported.

ROLLING PIN WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 23—JAN. 2 FOR REMODELING

Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
December 27, 1934
(It was Thursday)
Nazis deny new blood purge underway in Germany.

Snow plows keep southern Oregon highways open.

Sheriff says 2000 county auto-licenses have not procured 1935 licenses.

Price fixing code of NRA is declared illegal by federal court decision.

Alabama to play Stanford in Rose Bowl game January 1.

Blight is active in local orchards, county agent reports.

Police nip plot to hold up local liquor store.

Christmas mail sets new post-office record.

Geologists claim at present rate of use there will be no gasoline in 12 years.

Middle west shivers in coldest weather of winter.

Dry raid at Jacksonville thrills citizens.

Community Christmas tree at Rogue River well attended.

Local Army store changes hands.

Heavy downpour floods British Isles.

Backbone of Oregon cold spell is broken by a heavy rain. Silver thaw hits Willamette valley.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
December 27, 1910
(It was Tuesday)
Gen. Leonard Wood says nation is "unprepared" for war.

T. R. will not support President Taft in 1912.

Managing editor of the Oregonian visits city and is amazed by its growth.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Why Not Roll Your Own?
To the editor: All this excitement about the cigarette shortage I am sure is amusing to some of the old timers, especially the old cow pokes and the hobo. I would like to see some of the movie cow boys roll a cig with one hand on the deck of a bucking bronc. It was not so difficult for the hobo to roll one on top of a box car going 50 miles per hour. I am reminded of the fact that most of the old-timers used a brand of tobacco that could be considerably disturbed by the sneeze of a mosquito.

Now in view of the apparent shortage of tailor-made cigarettes, why not put on a contest of Roll-Your-Own and get some of those old timers to demonstrate just how it is done. Of course I doubt if any of the makers of the standard brands would offer any prizes to roll your own clubs. Why not the slogan: Roll your own and buy war stamps with the money you save?

ELWOOD HUSSEY
Cave City, Dec. 23.

Truck Overloads
To the editor: I wish you would enlighten the state highway department, loggers and police, through your valuable paper on the everlasting squabble of overloading of logging trucks. State police and loggers are right and they both do what they think is right.

In place of letting them haul by weight, let them haul by board feet. They are doing that now and presumably getting their pay by hauling board feet. We have estimated weight of logs that carry any number of board feet. Just have the trucker carry a bill of lading or mark on each log what it contains in board feet. I think that is being done already. If the police mistrust the driver he can check them any place, no scales needed.

If someone knows better, please speak up, but please stop this nonsense.

PROF. C. ENGELHARDT,

"Rainbow House" is a small dwelling built of petrified wood in the petrified forest by some long-forgotten Indian.

Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

Cremulson relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Cremulson with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREMULSON or Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis