

REDS CAPTURE ANCIENT KRAKOW

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy with occasional showers tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 43
Lowest this morning 29

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3 ALLIED ARMIES HAMMER GERMANS ALONG 100-MILES

Nazis Open Corridor North of Strasbourg — Third Army in New Offensive.

Paris, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Three allied armies were driving the Germans back into the Siegfried line along a 100-mile stretch of the northwestern front today, but in Alsace a German attack opened a corridor from the bridgehead north of Strasbourg to the nazis' main front.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First army made a general advance ranging up to nearly two miles, forcing the Germans in the north side of the flattened Ardennes salient to back-track, with indications they were abandoning the St. Vith-Houffalize ridge defenses for the safety of the Siegfried fortifications.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army battered the Sure river hinge of the German lines in Luxembourg in a new drive on either side of Diekirch, the right wing of which already was jabbing at the forefield of the Nazi westwall.

Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's British Second army, supported by white camouflaged tanks, swept northward from Hongen to capture the four German villages of Stein, Lind, Havert, and Schalbruch in 24-hour advances averaging two miles on the Dutch appendix front.

At the other end of the western front, however, the sudden German threat to Strasbourg and linking of the bridgehead north of the Alsatian capital with their frontline positions to the north counterbalanced the allied gains in Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland.

Nazis Take Towns
Slicing into the flank of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh army, the Germans overran the upper Rhine villages of Dalunden, Stattmatten and Denglosheim.

A front dispatch said the attacks so far had been contained generally along the line of the Zorn river, but the Germans were building up the pressure steadily.

RACKETEERS DON SERVICE CLOTHES

Washington, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Washington, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Illegal wearing of service uniforms by racketeers taking advantage of the public's desire to be helpful to service men is developing into "one of America's most serious homefront problems," Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said today.

"Some of the frauds perpetrated by these individuals are almost unbelievable, for they are completely lacking in patriotism and respect for decent law-abiding society," Hoover said.

38-PLANE ACE DOWNED BY JAPANESE FOEMAN

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Maj. Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., second-ranking American fighter ace with 38 planes to his credit, was shot down over the Philippines Jan. 7, according to a letter from Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commanding allied air forces in the Pacific.

The letter, written to the air hero's widow, was the first notification of her husband's death, Mrs. McGuire said.

"The accident which left him vulnerable and in which he met his death was sheer chance, as he was one of the most capable fighter pilots I have ever known," McGuire wrote, indicating that McGuire's plane was disabled, making him an easy prey to the enemy.

Roosevelt Dog Won't Talk



"Woot," is the only quote reporter Murray Moler gets from "Blaze," the bull mastiff who "bumped" Leon LeRoy, Antioch, Calif., seaman, and two other servicemen from an Army transport plane at Memphis, Tenn. The dog was being shipped to actress Faye Emerson in Hollywood from her husband, Col. Elliott Roosevelt.

Dog Smiliar To Col. Roosevelt's Denied Entry Says Citizen Owner

Detroit, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Herbert Denis, Detroit attorney, said today that he had purchased in England three years ago a bull mastiff of the same breed as Blaze, the dog shipped from Col. Elliott Roosevelt to his wife, but that the animal had been denied entry into the United States because of wartime restrictions.

"These dogs are the best guard dogs in the world," Denis said.

WOMAN NURSES BROTHER'S BODY DEAD 3 MONTHS

Chicago, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Rose Krenek, 34, told police today how she kept the body of her brother, Frank, 55, in a bed at her home for three months and tried to feed him in an attempt to "nurse him back to health."

Miss Krenek, who was held for mental examination, was taken into custody after police had received an anonymous tip. Clad in burlap bags, she greeted the police with the explanation that she thought her brother was ill.

Police found the body in a bed covered with burlap bags. They said Miss Krenek was in the process of feeding him coffee.

"I feed him every day," said Miss Krenek, who was her brother's constant companion. Police said Krenek had been dead for three months.

SMALLER WAR PLANT MEETING SLATED HERE

Representatives of the Smaller War Plants corporation will be in Medford next Tuesday night for a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock, it was announced today. Loggers, lumbermen, service organizations and small manufacturers are cordially invited to attend.

Here for the meeting will be George R. Moscrip, district manager of the corporation; Ted Cramer, district loan agent; W. C. Brown, technical advisor, and Roy Shawcross, property custodian of alien patents. Questions will be answered and advice given as to procedure, it is stated.

STETTINIUS INVITED TO BIG 3 POW-WOW
Washington, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., announced today that he will accompany President Roosevelt to the forthcoming meeting of the big three.

LACK OF NURSES EMPHASIZED BY SURGEON GENERAL

27,000 Graduated From Civilian Schools But Only 2,000 Enter Army Service

Washington, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—The house military affairs committee today eliminated from its proposed work-or-be-drafted legislation a provision under which deferred men who refused to take or keep essential war jobs would be inducted into army work battalions.

Washington, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—In a period when 27,000 nurses were being graduated from civilian schools the army, despite its desperate need, was able to increase its nursing personnel by "only slightly more than 2,000," Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk said today.

Kirk, surgeon-general of the army, testified before the house military affairs committee in support of President Roosevelt's request for selective service legislation to draft 20,000 nurses urgently needed by the army and navy. The bill would affect registered nurses between 18 and 45.

Sidetrack Male Draft
The committee sidetracked consideration of work-or-be-drafted legislation for male draft registrants 18 to 45 in order to hear Kirk.

Although army nursing personnel has increased by only 2,000 since May, patients requiring nurse service in army hospitals jumped from 260,000 to 450,000 in the same period, Kirk said.

Kirk said army hospitals in this country are now receiving from 30,000 to 32,000 patients monthly from foreign theaters, "compared to 8,500 a month in the first half of 1944—an increase of 270 per cent."

MARRETT TRIAL STARTS MONDAY

Trial of Fred Marrett and wife, indicted for breaking and entering with intent to steal drugs is scheduled to open next Monday in circuit court before James W. Crawford of Portland.

The petit jury, as follows, has been directed to report for duty Monday: Ernest S. Madden, Rt. 4; Ray Zulauf, Phoenix; Robert M. Miksche, Medford; Mary Igo, Rt. 1; Stanley Vaughan, Rt. 2; Central Point; Stella Hughes, Medford; Nels Jacobsen, Rt. 1; Central Point; Frank W. Houston, Talent; Bertha Inman, Rt. 1; Karl L. Janouch, Medford; Ward B. Spatz, Medford; Dorothy Hardy, Ashland; Charles Dooms, Medford; Frank Sauer, Rt. 1; Gladys Lawrence, Rt. 2; William Hunter, Medford; Frances Dudley, Medford; Bruce Fleming, Jacksonville; Everett Finley, Rt. 2; C. A. Marshall, Medford; C. J. Stehl, Rogue River; P. D. Coy, Medford; F. E. Stevens, Medford, and Lela Shores, Rt. 1.

OREGON LEGISLATOR WOULD TRAIN YOUTHS

Salem, Ore., Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Compulsory universal military service for persons over 18 years of age was asked in a memorial to congress submitted to the senate by Sen. Thomas Mahoney, Portland, today.

Allied Loss In Ardennes 55,421; Nazi Loss 120,000, Sheaf Reports

Paris, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Supreme (Prime Minister Churchill told allied headquarters today placed the house of commons American cost of the German Ardennes losses were 60 to 80 times British offensive at 55,421 allied casualties. This would mean that the 17 German divisions in the operation had been smashed or badly worn were approximately 54,000 killed and that the nazis hadmen—or more.)

The official allied report onzer grenadier divisions badly battered the German counteroffensive, one paratroop division destroyed, and eight volksgrenadiers reduced in strength by 50 per cent. "both of whom are equally responsible for its failure," were in the strength of about 18,416 were prisoners.

'On to Berlin'



Moscow reports indicate Red Army units have knifed into German Silesia after capturing Czesocnowa, 14 miles from border. West of Warsaw, fall of Lodz was believed near. Other powerful Russian drives imperiled the German positions in East Prussia and the approaches to Danzig from the southwest.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR JC BANQUET SATURDAY NIGHT

Final plans for Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce Founder's Day banquet were completed today with the meeting to get under way tomorrow night at 7:30. It will be an informal dress affair, according to officials.

Medford's outstanding junior citizen will be named and the Distinguished Service key awarded to Herb Grey, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. Presentation of a charter to the Medford Jaycee will be made by Troy Cook, district representative from Klamath Falls.

Vic Milnes, general chairman, will open the program with greetings and will be followed by an invocation by Rev. Harry Hansen of the Presbyterian church. Honored guests will then be introduced.

Paul Selby will be presented with a president's pin by Warren Whitlock of Klamath Falls, state expansion director. Presentation of the junior citizen award and charter will follow.

Lofton Tatum, state president, will give the main address, and C. Lyall Fidler will act as master of ceremonies.

Junior Chamber members in charge of various parts of the meeting are Don Foote, program; Clarence Schmidt, banquet; Bill Chrysler and Lyle Kinney, ticket sales; Ken Grant, welcome committee; Norman Spencer, decorations; Royal Clare, reception for visitors; Ray Ish, C. Lyall Fidler and Ken Grant, radio; Harry Watson, dance, and Jerry Latham, newspaper.

STEEL CONCERNS CITED AS TRUST

Washington, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Attorney General Francis Biddle today announced the filing of a civil complaint in Trenton, N. J., federal district court against Carnegie-Illinois, Republic, and Bethlehem Steel companies and 15 other steel manufacturers charging conspiracy to restrain trade and fix prices in the stainless steel industry.

A federal grand jury at Trenton already has returned a criminal indictment against the same manufacturers, together with six of their officers.

SAVED BY DUMBO
San Francisco, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—A marine dispatch from the western Pacific today credited a navy "Dumbo" seaplane with saving the life of 1st Lt. Robert W. Diez, leatherneck pilot from San Francisco, by towing him away from a Japanese-held island amid a rain of enemy mortar shells.

MILEAGE FIGURE NEEDED ON FURLOUGH GAS PLEA
Merchant marine seamen and all servicemen who apply for gasoline for use during furloughs must present the mileage record of the vehicle to be used before gasoline can be issued, it was stated at the local war price and ration board today. Furlough gasoline is issued only in the form of purchase permits and never in the form of coupons, it was further stated.

POLAND DEFENSE FOLDS UP UNDER RUSSIAN ATTACK

Nazis Forced Back 50 Miles in Carpathians; 600 East Prussian Towns Captured

London, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Marshal Stalin announced today that the Red army had captured the old Polish capital of Krakow and in two new offensives had overrun 600 East Prussian towns and rocked the Germans back 50 miles through the Carpathian foothills of Poland.

A series of special orders of the day by Stalin reported a landslide of Russian triumphs bearing out a Moscow assertion that the entire Nazi front across Poland had collapsed.

Wide Break-Through
Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky's Third White Russian army was revealed to have stormed the defenses of East Prussia five days ago. He broke through on a 37-mile front, slugged westward up to 28 miles, and drove a foremost spearhead 39 miles inside the German province.

Stalin's order to Cherniakhovsky said his army had captured the fortress city of Schlessberg, 28 miles northeast of the vital Interburg transport center and scores of other sizable towns as deep in East Prussia as Krauplachken, 39 miles from the border and 17 northeast of Interburg.

Also captured were Schillenen, 29 miles northeast of Gumbinnen; Lasdenen, 35 northeast of Interburg; Kussen, six west of Schlessberg; and 17 from the border; Naujeningken, 12 north of Gumbinnen and 25 inside the province, and Lengwetten, 13 southeast of Tilsit.

Panic in Breslau
Announcement of Cherniakhovsky's offensive completed the lineup of five powerful Russian armies in action on a winding front of between 400 and 500 miles, most of it in Poland. From north to south they were the Third White Russian army, the Second White Russian army, the First White Russian army, the First Ukrainian army, and the Fourth Ukrainian army.

Both Moscow and Berlin hinted that the battle of Poland was turning into the battle of Germany with an invasion of Silesia, and second hand reports said panic had broken out in the Silesian capital of Breslau and other cities in the border region fronting Poland.

HEAVY SNOWFALL CALLS OUT PLOWS

Snow fell all day Thursday and most of the night over the mountains of this section with snow plows operating on the Klamath Falls-Ashland and Pacific highways. Forest service officials reported three and one-half inches of new snow fell at Union Creek. There were new falls at both Prospect and Butte Falls, other reports said.

Returning travelers from Klamath Falls said a howling blizzard raged last night near Pinehurst with six or seven inches of snow on the ground. A number of cars skidded off the slick pavement.

The California Oregon Power company reported it was cloudy and threatening at Prospect today, and 20 above zero this morning in Klamath county.

GRAPEFRUIT AND ORANGE JUICES RATIONED AGAIN

Washington, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Two types of canned fruit juice—grapefruit and orange-grapefruit blends—were back on the ration list today and at high point values.

The Office of Price Administration ordered the changes effective last midnight. Ration values for the two types of juices will be 10 blue points on the No. 2 can, 20 points on the 46-ounce can, and 40 points on the No. 10 can. Orange juice remains point free.

MORE LAWLESSNESS
Washington, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Director J. Edgar Hoover, reporting a 68 per cent increase in bank robberies during 1944, warned today that the current "trend of lawlessness" threatened "difficult years ahead" for the public and law enforcement officers unless every effort were made to curb it.