

RAMPAGING REDS CROSS ODER

Weather
Forecast: Variable clouds tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 51
Lowest this morning 29
Precipitation past 24 hrs., none

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SPEARHEADS NOW 124 MILES FROM GERMAN CAPITAL

Nazis Attack on West Front in Effort To Upset Full-Scale Allied Offensive

HITLERITES SCORE 2 MILE ADVANCE IN NORTH ALSACE

Patch's Seventh Army Seals Off Penetration; Supplies Ready For Big Push.

Paris, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—German forces attacking on a 20-mile Alsatian front, possibly in an effort to upset a full scale allied offensive that appeared to be shaping up, have by-passed the big transport hub of Haguenau on both sides, supreme headquarters announced today.

Striking in the single sector of the western front where they held the initiative, the Germans advanced nearly two miles in northern Alsace, reaching the village of Schillersdorf, at the edge of the Hardt forest within a mile of the Haguenau-Sarre Union trunk highway.

Sealed Off
Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army forces sealed off the penetration, and were battling about 300 Nazis who had grabbed a foothold in Schillersdorf.

Amidst signs of a brewing allied offensive, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell said at supreme headquarters that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's forces had enough supplies on hand to mount a major drive while the Russians are caving in the eastern defenses of Germany.

While stocks are on hand for a big operation, Somervell warned at a press conference that the production of ammunition, trucks, and other war goods would have to be increased tremendously to prevent critical shortages on the western front.

Salient Flat Now
The new German attack on the seventh army front between Haguenau and Reifertswiller opened as other allied armies to the north flattened the Ardennes salient to a thin bump and ground down the Nazis' pocket across the Roer in the appendix region of southern Holland.

The Germans drove across the Moselle river on both sides of Haguenau and scored local gains all along the 20-mile offensive front.

Sheaf said the Nazis had eight divisions between Bitch and the Rhine in northeastern France, where Patch's front was weakened in the regrouping of allied forces to deal with the German offensive in the Ardennes.

Farther south, the French first army continued its advance northeast of Colmar, where forward elements had gained six miles from their jumpoff positions in the Vosges foothills between Colmar and Selestat.

TO BERLIN
By United Press
The distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:
Eastern front: 136 miles (from Poznan Official soviet newspaper reported distance of 124 miles from unspecified point).
Western front: 296 miles (from point southeast of Nijmegen).
Italy: 530 miles (from point north of Ravenna).

SIDE GLANCES
By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
How many people know that Medford is the only "town" on the Pacific coast that gets on the new school globes being sold in California? Mrs. Alfred Burch has just returned from the Golden Gate state with this bit of humdrum information. San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Medford and Portland, that is the complete global list Medford's importance as an airport is given as the reason.



(Acme Telephoto)
Japanese forces have abandoned their new, well-prepared defenses in the hills northwest of Bamban, 35 miles from Manila, and the fall of that bastion, shielding Clark Field appears imminent. Other gains were scored on flanks.

JURY DISAGREES IN MARRETT CASE, RETRIAL PLANNED

The circuit court jury in the trial of Fred Marrett and his wife, indicted for breaking and entering for the purpose of stealing drugs, following nearly six hours of deliberation, were dismissed by Circuit Judge James W. Crawford of Portland last night at 9:45 o'clock. Called from the jury room by the court, they reported they were unable to reach a verdict. The vote stood throughout the balloting seven to five for conviction of both, it was reported.

District Attorney George W. Neilson said today the Marretts would be retried in the near future. Judge Crawford plans to leave tonight for Portland, and will return here next week. He has been occupying the local bench during the illness of Judge Herbert K. Hanna.

The Marretts were returned to the county jail to await further action. Since their incarceration the past three months or so, both have gained in weight. They were represented by Attorney George A. Coddling. The state was represented by Deputy District Attorney Allison Moulton.

The defendants, caught in the narcotics drag-net here last September, were charged with burglarizing the office of Dr. R. W. Clancy last August 27. Both testified in their own behalf at the trial.

Carbarn Casanova Arrested On Three Counts of Bigamy

Los Angeles, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Francis H. Van Wie, carbarn Casanova who feared 11 wives no more than the lions he used to tame, was arrested here today on three counts of bigamy.

Bald, rotund, and 58, the San Francisco trolley conductor was picked up by district attorney's investigators the day after he went to work in a machine shop here.

He disappeared from his trolley platform January 16 as investigators were about to pick him up.
He wasn't sure about his marriages, which officers placed at nine certain and two probable, for a total of 11 since 1913.
"I can remember six," he said. "I don't remember who they were exactly."
He never got a divorce, he said, although he understood

F. R. NOMINATES SON ELLIOTT TO BE BRIG. GENERAL

34-Year-Old Colonel Jumps from Captain Since 1940; In Continual Combat Duty

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—The White House today sent to the senate the nominations of 78 army colonels to be brigadier generals, including President Roosevelt's second son, Elliott.

Aged 34, Elliott will be one of the youngest generals in the army.
Elliott is now a colonel in the air forces, commanding an aerial photographic reconnaissance wing in Europe. He entered the army in October, 1940, as a reserve captain. He has been in almost continuous combat duty since the invasion of Africa—on that continent, in Italy, and on the western front.

All Sons Officers
All four of the president's sons are officers. James, 37, is a marine colonel and a veteran of Pacific action; Franklin, Jr., 30, is a navy lieutenant commander and commanded a destroyer escort in the Luzon landings; and John, 28, is a navy lieutenant. James currently is in this country being treated for ailments aggravated by participation in several Pacific actions, while Franklin, Jr., and John are on sea duty.

The transcontinental "A"-priority plane ride of Elliott's bull mastiff, Blaze, currently is the subject of an investigation by the senate military affairs committee. Elliott brought the dog back from England in his plane when he was on leave late last year and left it in Washington to be shipped to his new wife, Actress Faye Emerson, when the opportunity arose. The air transport command gave it the priority rating, an action described by the White House and war department as an error in judgment.

Wed Last Month
Col. Roosevelt married Miss Emerson last month. He now commands the 325th photographic reconnaissance wing of the air forces in the European theater. Under his command are approximately 5,000 officers and men.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Some more of Col. Elliott Roosevelt's animals moved to the west coast today—but this time as common freight.
Travelling in an ordinary railroad stock car, without benefit of priority, eight head of Roosevelt's pure-bred Arabian horses from his Dutch Branch ranch near here were en route to his wife in California.

RED AMBASSADOR KILLED IN CRASH

Mexico City, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Ambassador and Mrs. Constantine Oumansky were killed in the crash of a Mexican army transport shortly after it took off from the Mexico City airport today, the Russian embassy announced.

Oumansky was en route to San Jose, Costa Rica, to present his credentials to the Costa Rican government.
Eleven of 13 passengers died in the crash.
The aircraft, a dual motored army transport, burst into flames and fell about a mile and a half north of the airport.

HENRY WALLACE STRIKES BACK AT JONES IN HEARING

Would Take Post Even if Stripped Of Finance Power Committee Told.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Former Vice President Henry A. Wallace struck back today at Jesse Jones' charge that he would be a dangerous man as federal loan administrator, but said he would take the job of commerce secretary even if it were stripped of its present huge financial powers.

Testifying before the senate commerce committee against a bill to divorce the reconstruction finance corporation from the commerce department, Wallace said he would like to use the RFC's billions "in the interests of all the American people."

But in any event he will, if confirmed, take the job to which President Roosevelt has nominated him, and will concentrate all the department's efforts "to the winning of the war."

Meanwhile, Jones, ousted by the president to make way for Wallace, disclosed that he had turned over all his "functions and responsibilities" as secretary of commerce and federal loan administrator to Undersecretary Wayne C. Taylor, pending installation of a new secretary.

In a formal statement to the senate committee, Wallace outlined proposed plans for putting into effect the economic bill of rights which President Roosevelt presented in his 1944 and 1945 annual messages to congress. He recommended a number of other things a guaranteed minimum annual wage for labor; a floor under prices for farmers, and a little regulation of business as possible consistent with the greatest public good.

Wallace also replied to Jones' charge, voiced before the committee yesterday, that he was "a man willing to jeopardize the country's future with untried ideas and idealistic schemes."

In so doing, he revived his quarrel with Jones in June, 1943, when as head of the old board of economic warfare he accused the commerce secretary of blocking the BEW's attempts to buy up critical abroad.

Asserting that some persons who consider themselves realists are actually "persons of limited vision and stunted imagination," Wallace added:
"These people are of the same breed as those 'sound businessmen' who nagged over pennies in the purchase of strategic stockpiles before the war, only to leave the materials for the Japs to use against us."

"These are people who will fight against enemies waging total war by pinching pennies."
Wallace told the committee that the program he proposed should be carried out under legislative authorization by congress.

BULLET PIERCES HOLLY ST. HOME

Mrs. Ida L. Corbett of 667 South Holly street narrowly escaped being hit by a .22 caliber rifle bullet yesterday when a shot fired by Andrew Bullard, 912 South Central avenue, shooting at tin cans in a vacant lot on South Central avenue, passed through a wall of the Corbett home. Mrs. Corbett was lying on a bed and reported to police that the bullet passed but a few inches above her head and lodged in a bureau.

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Jones Testifies Protests Appointment of Wallace



Retiring Secy. of Commerce Jesse H. Jones (left) testifying in favor of legislation to curb powers of his designated successor, Henry A. Wallace, tells senate commerce committee that the Government's loan administrator should be a man of proven and sound business experience. At his side is Senator Walter George (D., Ga.) author of the proposal to divorce from the commerce department all the functions of the Federal Loan Agency.

SENATE PASSES BILL TO BOOST ELECTION WAGE

Salem, Ore., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—The senate has passed a revised bill to raise the pay of election officials from \$3 to \$4.

The bill, battered from committee to senate and back again more than any other measure, failed to pass yesterday when it provided for \$5 pay. After change by the elections and privileges committee, it was passed in the form in which it was originally presented last week.

Among bills introduced to the house yesterday was one to repeal and amend laws concerning power and utility projects.

According to its sponsors, members of the utilities committee, it would make the law conform more closely to the federal utilities acts and would facilitate development of power projects in the state. It would eliminate the section that allows the state to take over utilities after they have amortized their investment and their license has expired.

Other bills would provide:
For appointment of special agents, with the powers of peace officers, for counties over 50,000 population.
For a two-year extension during which housing projects may be developed.
For an additional judge in the first judicial district, in Jackson and Josephine counties.

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It was said that probably no charges would be filed. Police confiscated the gun.

FREIGHT LOADING DIPS
Washington, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended January 20 totaled 777,320 cars, a decline of 5,067 cars from the previous week, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Big-Three Meeting Slated For Russia Is Lisbon Report

London, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—The London Times said today in a Lisbon dispatch that there never was much likelihood that the big three meeting would be held anywhere but on Russian soil, and the present red army offensive makes this even more likely.

"A meeting in the Black sea zone is much spoken of as a probability," the dispatch said. It said President Roosevelt would visit American troops in Italy and France after meeting Marshal Stalin, "if circumstances permit."

PLANES AND SHIPS LAND NEW BLOWS ON HAPLESS NIPS

Allied planes and warships unleashed new heavy blows at the Japanese from the Dutch East Indies to their home islands, enemy broadcasts reported today, while American troops continued their surge across Luzon to within 48 miles of Manila.

The U. S. 14th corps, facing the Philippines offensive, seized at least one of the 11 Clark airstrips on Luzon and the remainder, together with adjacent Fort Stotenburg, appeared about to fall without a major struggle.

Near Main Field
Advance forces, which overran Bamban field, northernmost of the Clark fields Tuesday, were within less than six miles of the main Clark field and Fort Stotenburg. The American troops also captured Mabalacat, four miles south of Bamban, without meeting major resistance.

The mounting Allied offensive, according to Tokyo, brought two more B-29 Superfortress nuisance raids on Japan's industrial center of Osaka, a naval bombardment of 84 in the volcano and a 120-plane carrier-based raid on Palembang in the Dutch East Indies. The B-29 raids occurred last night and early today, Tokyo said.

Tokyo said that four American cruisers and eight destroyers bombed Iwo, midway between Saipan and Tokyo, Wednesday—the same day that Superfortresses were revealed to have hit the stepping-stone island from the Marianas to Japan. One cruiser was damaged heavily by Japanese shore batteries, Tokyo said.

WACS IN CHINA
Chungking, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Capt. Elizabeth M. Lutze of Sheboygan, Wis., one of the first two WACs who arrived in China, has been sent home to investigate the possibility of bringing out a staff of WACs to serve in office capacities in the China theater, it was disclosed today.

WALTER CLAUDE LEWIS
Roseburg, Ore., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Walter Claude Lewis, 77, long a West Coast newspaperman, died at his home here last Wednesday. Lewis had retired from newspaper work in 1938 after coming to Oregon from California 14 years ago.

248 SOLDIERS DIE AS BOAT SUNK IN EUROPEAN WATERS

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—A ship carrying 2,200 American soldiers was sunk recently in European waters by enemy action, with 248 killed and 817 missing, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today. Over 1,400 were saved.

Stimson announced the loss to a press conference in these words:
"It may now be disclosed that a ship carrying more than 2,200 American soldiers was sunk recently in European waters due to enemy action. The ship sank swiftly, and 248 men were killed and 817 are missing. The rest, over 1,400, were saved."

This announcement is made in accordance with our established policy of stating all losses in regular course, even though some of the details may not yet be made available."

STIMSON REVEALS ARMY CASUALTIES

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—U. S. combat casualties, some of them suffered in the German western front offensive last month, now total 701,950.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today that army casualties in all theaters compiled in Washington through January 14 were 616,951, including 117,256 killed, 356,813 wounded, 57,432 prisoners of war and 85,450 missing. This figure includes some but not all of the 40,000 casualties previously announced for the Ardennes battle.

Casualties of the navy, marines and coastguard through January 24 include 32,394 dead, 38,513 wounded, 9,615 missing and 4,477 prisoners, a total of 84,999.

Nye and Durno in Same Belgian City

A letter from Lt. Col. Stephen G. Nye to Medford relatives states that he is now stationed in the same Belgian city as Major Edwin R. Durno. Col. Nye, former orchardist, is in the army transportation department and Major Durno, former physician here, is in the medical corps.

Col. Nye has been in the service three years, having been called from the reserves soon after Pearl Harbor. Mrs. Nye and their two sons live on route 4.

Big Silesian Industrial Center Gleiwitz Captured—Breslau Under Assault.

London, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Russian armies captured the big Silesian industrial center of Gleiwitz and spearheads within "some 124 miles" of Berlin today, and the nazis said soviet forces had broken across the Oder river at several points and had sealed off East Prussia.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's army successfully stormed Gleiwitz, fortified factory town anchoring the defenses of the southeastern nose of Silesia, and at the same time overran Chrzanow, 34 miles to the northeast in the Dabrowa coal mining basin of Poland.

Konev Hailed
Marshal Stalin, in Moscow's first victory announcement of the day, hailed Konev's 1st Ukrainian army for the capture of the key bastion on the southern wing of the red army's vast offensive front.

Down the Oder valley, Konev's forces were, by German account, across the strategic river at several places and held the crossings at captured Oppeln, while Breslau was reported under frontal assault as the Russian campaign in Silesia developed rapidly.

124 Miles To Berlin
The red army organ, Red Star, declared that "only some 200 odd kilometers (124 miles)" separate soviet spearheads from Berlin but did not specify the points of greatest Russian advances. However, nazi accounts admitted that the troops of Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 1st Ukrainian army had driven several bridgeheads across the frozen Oder on a 100-mile front on both sides of the Breslau.

One bridgehead was at Steltau, 136 miles southeast of Berlin, and 34 miles northwest of Breslau.

The German accounts said that the soviet forces were busily building up their bridgeheads across the last strategic river barrier protecting Berlin but insisted that counter attacks were "narrowing them down."

All Silesia Periled
It was evident that the German hopes—if any—of holding off the red army along the line of the Oder and of saving industrially rich Silesia were in imminent peril.

To the northeast the Germans frankly admitted that their citadel province of East Prussia had been severed from the homeland by the advance of Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's columns to the Baltic lagoon of Fisches Haff.

Unconfirmed reports said that soviet troops had broken into the East Prussian capital of Konigsberg where street fighting was said to be in progress.

Red Star jubilantly proclaimed that "complete victory over the enemy the total rout of the Hitlerite hordes, is in the offing." It said all nazi barriers were crumbling under the inexorable advance of the red army.

OFFICIALS MAKE TOUR OF COUNTY

County Judge Harlind Woods, County Commissioners Ed Anderson and Al Thompson and County Engineer Stanley Coates, all of Tillamook county, together with County Judge Franklin E. Gilkey of Lincoln county and C. H. Pairs, vice president of Howard Cooper corporation of Portland, spent yesterday in a business visit with Jackson county officials. They were here to make a survey of county offices and the manner in which they are operated.

The visitors were taken on a tour through the county shops, offices in the court house where they saw the method of keeping records, visited the county gravel pits, county farm and other county departments.

They were high in praise of the completeness of Jackson county's set-up and the manner in which it is operated.