

5 INJURED WHEN BUS HITS SEDAN NEAR GOLD HILL

J. M. McCune, Daughter and Grandson and Canada Couple Taken to Hospital

Five persons suffered severe injuries shortly before noon today when a northbound Dollar Lines stage, driven by "Pat" Patterson of Eugene, collided with a 1936 Ford sedan, believed to have been driven by J. M. McCune of Grants Pass on the Miller Gulch bridge north of Gold Hill. McCune, his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Brandt, and her son, Kelvin, 5, of Grants Pass and Mr. and Mrs. William Surratt of Bentley, Alberta, Canada, who were riding in the McCune auto, were taken to Josephine County hospital in Grants Pass in ambulances from Conger-Morris and Perl's funeral homes in Medford.

According to George Davis, driver of the Perl ambulance, Mrs. Brandt suffered a possible broken back and her father and son suffered severe lacerations. Mr. and Mrs. Surratt were suffering mostly from shock, Davis said. The ambulance drivers said the Ford was practically demolished while considerable damage was done to the front of the stage.

A report from state police headquarters said a tire on the stage evidently blew out, causing the stage to cross the yellow line where it was struck by the McCune auto. None of the bus passengers were injured.

UNION OFFICIAL TO FACE MUSIC

New York, March 12.—(U.P.)—A union official wanted for embezzling \$4,000 of union funds surrendered to police today. He revealed that his three sons traveled from New York to Portland, Ore., to persuade him to return and face charges.

Alois Kroner, 64, Woodside, N. Y., told police he disappeared last Oct. 6 after auditors found a shortage in accounts of Brewster Union, local 1 (A. F. L.). Kroner had been secretary-treasurer of the union since 1937.

Recently, his three sons received a letter from him in Portland. They visited him there and talked him into giving himself up. He was held in \$1,000 bail in felony court.

HIROHITO MAY BE NAMED CRIMINAL

London, March 12.—(U.P.)—Well-informed sources said today that Emperor Hirohito was expected to be named an axis war criminal because of Japanese atrocities, including the execution of American fliers after Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle's 1942 raid on Tokyo.

These informants predicted that a war criminal charge against the Japanese emperor would be formally approved by the United Nations war crimes commission in the near future.

Deadlier Than Male Slated In Ashland

A performance of the comedy-drama, "Deadlier Than the Male" will be repeated in Ashland Wednesday at the Lithia theatre it was staged today. Medford's little theatre group staged the play here Friday night as a Red Cross benefit and the Ashland proceeds will also go to the Red Cross. The performance is scheduled for 8:15 p. m.

CHURCH GROUPS ASK FAIR JOB PRACTICES

Washington, March 12.—(U.P.)—Witnesses representing church groups and racial tolerance organizations today urged the senate education and labor committee to approve a permanent fair employment practices commission with power to enforce the rulings.

They opposed a bill by Sen. Robert A. Taft, (R., O.) which would establish a permanent FEPC but with only advisory powers. They said the FEPC should be given authority to enforce its rulings on industry.



Ania Dorfman, glamorous Russian-born pianist will appear in concert here tomorrow evening at the high school auditorium for the Jackson County Civic Music association. The concert is scheduled for 8:15 p. m.

DESPERATE NAZIS MAY PURGE THOSE ACCEPTING DEFEAT

London, March 12.—(U.P.)—Desperate new Nazi measures to avert Germany's defeat were expected today in the wake of fight talks by Adolf Hitler and Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels.

The speeches, broadcast by Berlin radio, pointed to a swift purge of German Defeatists and the further scrapping of the rules of war at the front, possibly including the use of poison gas.

Hitler himself hinted at the new blood purge. In a proclamation to the German army commemorating the 10th anniversary of conscription in Germany, he called upon all Germans to "do with dogged determination everything we can... to bring about the turn of the tide."

"We must be no less fanatical in annihilating all those who are trying to oppose this command," he said. "We are already witnessing today in large areas of the east and in many parts of the west what our whole people might have to go through."

"It is quite clear to everybody what we have to do—namely, to offer resistance and to hit our enemies until in the end they grow tired and break up. . . . There will be no repetition of 1918."

"Even if fate seems now to conspire against us, there can be no doubt that our fanaticism, steadfastness and determination will overcome all these setbacks as it has so often done in the past."

AVIATION PACT SENT TO SENATE

Washington, March 12.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today sent to the Senate for ratification the International Civil Aviation Convention drafted at the International Aviation Conference in Chicago last year.

There had been some doubt whether the convention would be handled as a treaty requiring ratification. The president acted in response to requests by members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. They contended that the State Department was going ahead with negotiations of air treaties without giving congress an opportunity to decide on an overall air policy.

GENERAL AND GILMORE TO MERGE INTERESTS

Portland, Ore., March 12.—(U.P.)—Merger of the General Petroleum Corp. and the Gilmore Oil Co. was announced here today by Oregon managers of the west coast.

B. F. Ball, who became resident manager of the new firm, and C. W. Ellis, assistant manager for the Oregon Division, announced that operations would continue under the management of General Petroleum and that road oil and asphalt operations would be conducted by the Gilmore organization.

ROMANIA AIDED

London, March 12.—(U.P.)—Premier Josef Stalin acceded today to a written request of the Romanian government and returned Transylvania to that country, Radio Moscow announced.

NIPPONS EXPECT EARLY INVASION OF SACRED SOIL

Reeling War Lords Admit Situation Very Serious—Two Conquest Nears

By United Press
A mighty allied offensive left the Japanese reeling today and Tokyo's war lords resigned themselves to an expected invasion of their sacred soil.

Nagoya, Japan's greatest aircraft manufacturing center, was blazing from 2,000 tons of incendiary bombs heaped on the city by 300 American Superfortresses; the complete conquest of Iwo appeared at hand; American troops invaded Mindanao in the Philippines and speculation mounted over a possible invasion of French Indo-China.

Situation Serious

The allied gains brought an admission from Tokyo that the war situation was "very serious" and that an invasion of Japan's home islands could be expected in the "very near future." Those warnings were issued by Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso before the Japanese diet.

The B-29 raid on Nagoya, 160 miles from Tokyo, burned out five square miles of the city and the Japanese disclosed that some of the fires still were burning 18 hours after the attack. Other Superfortresses from India also raided Singapore.

On Iwo, weary U. S. marines were driving the last Japanese defenders into the sea along the north coast and an announcement of the end of organized resistance was expected momentarily. The bloody battle for the tiny island at Japan's front doorstep entered its fourth week today.

Mindanao Success

Veteran American invasion forces, which landed on Mindanao in the Philippines Saturday, captured four villages and two airfields and were nearing the heart of Zamboanga on the southwestern tip of the island. American reconnaissance planes already were operating from Mindanao, where the troops sealed the entire 800-mile long western side of the Philippines.

Speculation mounted at Chungking that the allies may be planning a landing in French Indo-China as a result of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's four-day conference with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek on military matters.

REV. COLEMAN TO BE GUEST HERE TUESDAY

The Rev. R. W. Coleman, former pastor of the First Christian church here and now assistant program director of the army and navy commission of the Y.M.C.A., will be in Medford tomorrow for a brief visit with friends. The Rev. Coleman, now living in New York City, is making a west coast tour for the commission. He left Medford in May of 1943.

Friends of the pastor are invited to a potluck dinner in Fellowship hall of the church tomorrow at 6:30 p. m., each family to bring its own food and service.

FASCIST PLOT TOLD

Rome, March 12.—(U.P.)—Police today revealed the existence of an underground fascist party of 20,000 or more members in liberated Italy who were planning a "second march on Rome" as soon as they became strong enough.

WFA Promises Investigation Of Speculation Aid Charge

Washington, March 12.—(U.P.)—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones today promised a thorough investigation of alleged irregularities in the operation of the commodity credit corporation.

His pledge apparently was aimed at heading off a Republican-backed move to defer consideration of a pending bill to increase CCC borrowing authority until an inquiry has been completed. The house resumed consideration of the measure today.

Republican members have charged the corporation with mishandling food stocks and permitting leaks of information

Pershing Tanks, Mightiest Yet, Go Into Action

Detroit, March 12.—(U.P.)—Approximately 250 T-26 General Pershing tanks—America's mightiest and newest armored vehicles—went into action on the western front last month, it was disclosed here today.

In a letter to President C. E. Wilson of General Motors Corp., whose Fisher body division is producing the 45-ton tank, Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell said "the heretofore secret weapon 'has proved itself extremely efficient' in combating the Nazi Royal Tiger tank."

Campbell, chief of army ordnance, said American tank forces recently indicated satisfaction with other U. S. tanks "are enthusiastic about all features of the new weapon."

HIGH COURT BALKS SPEEDY REVIEW OF WARD CO. SEIZURE

Washington, March 12.—(U.P.)—The supreme court today refused to make an immediate review of a lower court decision holding that President Roosevelt was without authority to order army seizure of Montgomery Ward & Co.'s plants and facilities.

The action meant that the case will have to be heard in regular procedure by the circuit court of appeals, before being taken to the supreme court.

The justice department asked for immediate review by the supreme court, stressing the case's interest to the war effort. Montgomery Ward joined in the request for a quick review over the legality of the seizure.

The government argued that the lower court's ruling threatened to impair its ability to handle "future emergencies" growing out of work stoppages. Montgomery Ward said that it felt that the decision handed down by Federal District Judge Philip L. Sullivan in Chicago in January was "clearly and inescapably correct." But, the firm added, the army has retained possession of its property and there were indications that it might do so until the supreme court has finally acted.

Ask Probe of Loss Of Sub Crewman

Washington, March 12.—(U.P.)—Rep. Walter K. Granger, D., Utah, today asked the house naval affairs committee to investigate the accidental death of a young sailor off the Atlantic coast.

Granger told the house the sailor perished when the commander of the submarine on which he was stationed submerged while he was on deck. He did not identify the ill-fated sailor.

HARVARD PROFESSOR IS COPYRIGHT REGISTRAR

Washington, March 12.—(U.P.)—Sam Bass Warner, former Harvard law school professor today was named registrar of copyrights by Luther H. Evans, acting librarian of congress.

Warner, 55, is a native of Chicago and taught in Oregon law school and Syracuse law school prior to 1937, when he became reporter for the interstate commission on crime.

MacARTHUR HONORED

Manila, March 12.—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today received the Philippine commonwealth's highest decoration—the medal for valor—for "extraordinary courage and valor in the face of overwhelming odds."

UNION DISPUTE ON JURISDICTION STOPS CAMEP

Hollywood Hit By Worst Strikes—Estimate 15,000

Hollywood, March 12.—(U.P.)—One of the worst strikes to hit Movieland today kept many cameras from turning as picket lines were thrown around picture studios in an AFL jurisdictional dispute.

Spokesmen for the Motion Picture Producers Association estimated 5,000 craftsmen declined to go through the picket lines. Herbert Sorrell, president of the conference of studio workers which called its nine unions and 8,000 members out on strike, estimated 15,000, or about half the employees, failed to report for work.

Pickets Set

As early as 6 a. m., picket lines were set up by the AFL Set Designers Local 1421, whose claim to represent the 78 set decorators in the industry is being challenged by the AFL International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees, Local 44. Local 1421 is seeking to force the employers to obey a War Labor Board arbitrator's decision that it be recognized pending NLRB action to allow the Set Decorators to choose between it and IATSE. Local 1421 claims most of the Decorators as members.

Warner Brothers, reported that its sole picture in production is not being shot today as general men walked out. Universal's cameras are not turning as only a third of its 2,000 employees reported. At RKO, too, electricians had virtually shut down everything.

CHEER HEROES OF CABANATUAN

San Francisco, March 12.—(U.P.)—Thousands of cheering San Franciscans lined Market street today while the 274 liberated heroes of Cabanatuan rode up to the city hall in buses behind a police escort.

It was the beginning of the city's official welcome to the men who were freed Jan. 30 from the notorious Japanese prison camp on Luzon. Mayor Roger Lapham presented each officer and enlisted man with a gold lapel medallion after the invocation by Archbishop John J. Mitty.

The short ceremony was followed by luncheon at the Palace hotel. The men then were provided with free telephone calls home, movie and scenic tours through the cooperation of business organizations and individuals.

Preceded by a dozen motorcycle patrolmen, the heroes were taken to the civic center in Red Cross buses and station wagons. Hundreds of persons swarmed around them asking for autographs. Women and girls in the crowd kissed them.

Commando Kelly Late At Altar

Phoenix City, Ala., March 12.—(U.P.)—T/Sgt. Charles E. (Commando) Kelly and Miss May Frances Bolsh from his home town of Pittsburgh were married at the county courthouse here today after keeping a general waiting for 20 minutes.

Kelly arrived late, wearing a neatly pressed uniform bedecked with his many medals, including the congressional medal of honor which was given him for his exploits in Italy a year ago today.

Many Canadians Dodge War Duty

Ottawa, March 12.—(U.P.)—Twenty per cent of the Canadian troops under orders to proceed overseas a week ago are "missing," Defense Minister A. G. L. McNaughton said at a press conference today.

Originally the percentage of missing was 24.2, but in the last week some 300 delinquents had been picked up, reducing the percentage figure to 20, McNaughton said.

SEEK FLOOD CONTROL

Sacramento, March 12.—(U.P.)—A bill creating a flood control district including all of Humboldt county was recommended for passage today by the senate water resources committee.

TIRED LAWMAKERS SPEED UP EFFORT TO CLEAR DESKS

453 Bills To Be Acted Upon—Milk Control Still Pending In Senate Calendar

Salem, Ore., March 12.—(U.P.)—The last week of the 1945 Oregon legislative session started today, and weary members were working on stepped-up schedules to get through a mountain of work remaining and go home.

The session was behind the pace set two years ago. A total of 307 bills had been passed by both houses, out of 780 introduced, leaving 453 still unfinished. Many of them will never come up for final action, however, as the lawmakers concentrate on the important appropriation bills.

Milk Control Waits

Still pending is action on milk control legislation in the senate, a plan to create a state department of health and enlarged funds for higher education. Some labor bills are due to die in committee unless reported out early in the week.

Today is the 64th day of the session, only two short of the record-breaking 66 day session of 1939, and there appeared only a slight hope that this year the lawmakers could avoid breaking the record and continue working past Wednesday into the 67th day.

Senate bill 82, which curbs the rights of people's utility districts to acquire utility facilities outside of their own boundaries, passed the house 38 to 19 at the Saturday session, after the house tackled on two amendments. The senate later in the day concurred in the amendments and repassed the bill with only one dissenting vote. The measure now is in the governor's office for signature.

A 15 to 15 tie vote in the senate Saturday defeated the "scrip" liquor sales plan, submitted by Sen. Earl Newberry, Medford. The bill would have permitted the liquor commission to approve the pooling of liquor ration in private clubs for over-the-bar drinks.

The house passed a pair of bills to free couples who filed income taxes under the Oregon community property law from penalties, after the law was invalidated by a supreme court decision last autumn.

The house today had for consideration a proposed constitutional amendment which would provide for a 31st senate seat.

The upper house passed the measure, 16 to 13, Saturday. It also passed a companion bill to give the extra seat to a new 26th district composed of Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson, and Lake counties. Sen. Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls, sponsored both measures. They would give his 17th district to Klamath county alone.

The house bill authorizing a special election on June 22, 1945, passed the senate Saturday. A number of bills on which action has been completed will go before the people for vote then, and others may be passed before sine die adjournment.

New Rhine Crossings Swell Yank Holdings; Russians Near Stettin

By United Press
Berlin reported today that the American first army had made new crossings of the Rhine at the northern end of its Remagen bridgehead and had thrown two infantry and two armored divisions into the battle—around 50,000 men.

The Americans extended their salient about 400 yards farther inland during the night, gaining new heights from which German artillery had been raking the area. Allied headquarters reports, 24 hours behind developments, placed the size of the bridgehead at three miles deep and about nine miles long. German broadcasts indicated it was considerably larger.

REDS BREAK STETTIN DEFENSE

On the eastern front, about 650 American heavy bombers from Britain went to the direct support of the red army in the Baltic area, where Soviet forces broke through the last outer defenses around Stettin. Other Russian troops driving a wedge to the Baltic between Danzig and Gdynia were within nine miles of each city.

Unofficial Moscow reports said a decisive Soviet breakthrough was expected soon on a 100-mile Oder-Neisse river line east of Berlin.

The American planes which joined in the Russian offensive were part of a force of 2,100 heavy bombers and fighters which also hit six railway centers controlling transport behind the western front.

Berlin broadcasts intimated that Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges was putting the bulk of his first army across the Rhine in an effort to break out of the Remagen bridgehead and roll northward to the Ruhr along the broad military highway which parallels the Rhine.

The new American crossings, Berlin said, were made on each side of Rheinbreitbach, 3½ miles north of Remagen. At least seven towns on the east bank of the Rhine, including Rheinbreitbach, were in American hands. An eighth was partly cleared and the Germans admitted the Americans were fighting in two others on the southern flank of the salient.

NAZIS CLAIM REINFORCEMENTS SENT

German broadcasts spoke of powerful Nazi reinforcements attacking the bridgehead, but front line reports indicated the enemy was still fighting a delaying action and his reserves had not yet joined the battle. The most effective opposition was from German long range artillery in the hills and towering cliffs back of the Rhine.

Nazi dive bombers tried repeatedly to knock out the Remagen bridge without success. At least 23 of 47 attacking aircraft were shot down over the week-end.

The first army's drive across the Rhine was accompanied by a rapid allied clean-up along its western bank. The Canadian first and American ninth armies in the north finished the last German salient north of the Mosel in the West area. German broadcasts kept insisting that the British second army was preparing for a Rhine crossing between Wesel and Emmerich.

PATTON ARMY NEARING COBLEZ

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American third army in the south closed to within a mile of Coblenz from the north and southwest. All except a 15-mile stretch of the Mosel's north bank between Coblenz and Trier was cleared.

Patton's men were rapidly mopping up the remnants of an estimated 23,000 Germans pocketed in the Eifel mountains. Some were getting out through the gap over the Mosel, but most of them faced certain death or capture.

LABOR AGENCIES STAND BY MINERS

Washington, March 12.—(U.P.)—Three government labor agencies today jointly rejected a petition by the Southern Coal Producers Association to dismiss the United Mine Workers' request for a strike ballot on March 28.

The decision was made by the Labor Department, The National Labor Relations Board and the War Labor Board. The notification was mailed today to Edward R. Burke, president of the Southern Producers.

A labor department spokesman said the decision probably would have been the same even if all the producers had joined Burke in requesting dismissal of the strike vote request filed Feb. 26 by UMW President John L. Lewis.

He said Burke's petition was the first of its kind ever received under the Smith-Connally Anti-strike Law. It contended that no valid dispute existed at the time Lewis filed the notice.

IOOF'S PLAN PARTY

The members of Medford lodge No. 83, I.O.O.F. will entertain Olive Rebekah lodge No. 28 on the evening of March 13, at the I.O.O.F. hall. There will be a program beginning at 8 o'clock. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and their wives and husbands are urgently requested to attend. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Congress Asked To Repair Roads Near Camp White

Congress has been requested to reimburse the state highway commission in the sum of \$17,700 for damage to roads near Camp White caused by heavy hauling during the camp construction, a special release from Washington states.

According to County Engineer Paul Rynning, the roads involved were the Table Rock and Sams Valley roads, on which the maintenance during construction of the camp was especially heavy. Table Rock, ordinarily a county road, was taken over as a state highway at that time and the Sams Valley road is a secondary state highway.

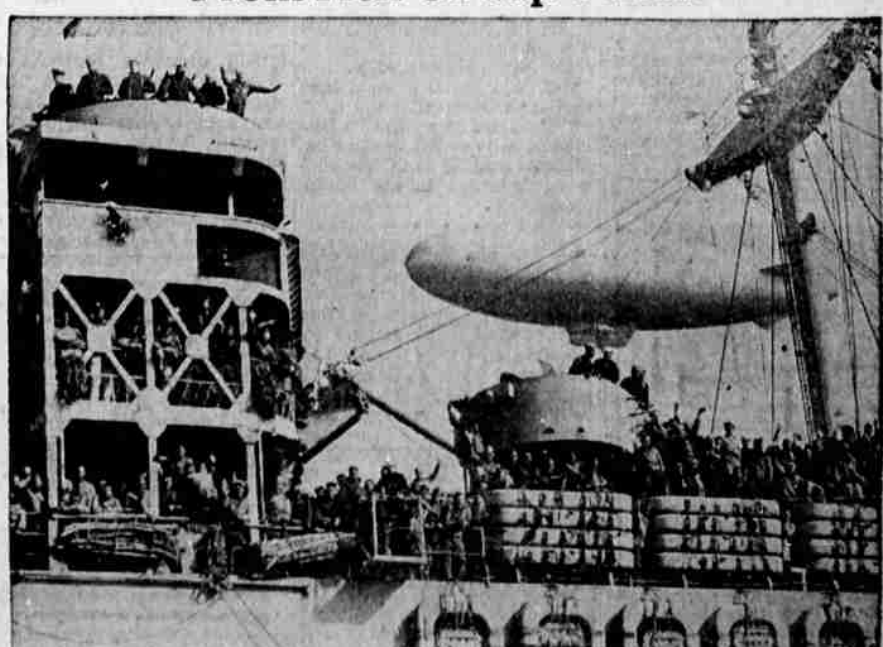
VETERAN AFFAIRS MEASURE SIGNED

Salem, Ore., March 12.—(U.P.)—The bill which will create a state department of veterans affairs was signed into law today by Gov. Earl Snell.

The bill was one which the governor recommended in his opening message to the legislature.

The bill carries with it an \$80,000 appropriation, to set up the department and finance its functioning until the next regular session, or a special session if that becomes necessary.

From Hell Of Jap Prison



Back from the hell of three years' imprisonment in the Philippines, the first large group of American prisoners liberated from Cabanatuan prison camp cram the rails of their transport as they enter San Francisco harbor. They cheer wildly as Navy blimp soars above their transport.