

AMERICANS PUSH TOWARD FERRYVILLE

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made north of Lake Achkel in a drive along the Mediterranean on Bizerte's defense in cooperation with American troops, and announced the beginning of a new offensive in the south.

"Our forces passed to the attack this morning" and began an assault on Pont du Fahs, hinge of the line between the British first and eighth armies, the communique said. "The operation is proceeding favorably. More than 100 prisoners have already been taken," it added.

(The British radio, in a broadcast recorded by CBS, said "Long range allied guns now have Ferryville under fire and several axis airfields in the area have now been made untenable by shellfire." Ferryville, on the southeast shore of Lake Bizerte, is about eight miles from the naval base which is situated on the northeast shore. The broadcast said the Americans had "come up against a new line of resistance" in the advance on Ferryville.)

In the northeastward push, the Americans crossed the river Tine, despite the destruction of a bridge by the withdrawing forces of Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim, and shoved on toward Ferryville.

(The Tine, rising southwest of Mateur, flows northeastward a short distance east of Mateur and empties into the marshy land bordering Lake Achkel, one of the chain of lakes forming Bizerte's southern defense.)

Sgt. Lyle Kidd Gets Air Medal at Andeanof Air Base

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From there he was sent to Scott Field, Ill., for another six months' training and was then chosen for higher technical training at Morrison field, West Palm Beach, Fla. Following his graduation from radio school, Kidd was detailed to March field, Calif., going to the Aleutians for active duty on June 11, 1942. He was 21 years of age at the time of his enlistment.

The Bly airman made many friends in that community where he lived from 1938 to 1941. He played basketball with the Bly town team in the Klamath county league. Kidd visited his parents December 28, 1942, when he received a 15-day furlough. When last heard from, he served as radio operator on a B-24. A sister, Mrs. Carlton Ross, also lives in Bly.

When officials of Crane mills were advised that the former employe had received the Air Medal, they said they were "not surprised," and he was "the sort of a boy who would win a medal in this war."

German Troops Fall Back Near Novorossisk

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reported Sunday that they had killed 7000 Germans in six days of intense battle in the narrow German bridgehead opposite the Crimea.

Acknowledging that the Russians had captured Kyrmskaya, the broadcast said:

"When the enemy early today again attacked our old positions, he found them merely held by rearguards who made a fighting retreat to new positions and left the town to the enemy after destroying important military installations."

Edwin Wissenback Tells of Leap From Burning Fortress

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"Snoozy" all the time. I could feel it.

"The ship was so badly shot up that we went into a dive. About that time I decided to leave my ship while the going was good. I could feel the ship in a power dive and I knew what that meant. My chute was handy to the turret but I had to make a dash to get into it. I didn't have time to fasten the leg straps, so I just put it under my arms, crawled to the escape hatch, and rolled out.

"That was my first jump, and I hope it is my last. It finally opened, but I thought it never would. I could see the telephone wires below me and that is pretty close to earth.

"Two Folke-Wulfs circled me and followed me down to the ground. They didn't shoot at me, or try to harm me in any way. I didn't pay much attention to them. Boy, my eyes were on the ground."

Erwin's story of what hap-

pened after he hit the ground belongs to him and to the air corps. After the war it will be the kind of a story that he can tell over and over until he's an old man and has a beard way down to here.

Right now the flyer is on temporary duty from England. He left England on Tuesday, arrived in Washington on Wednesday, and came home Monday morning to Klamath Falls. For a flyer, even this is traveling fast.

JAP SUPPLY FORCE DAMAGED, REPELLED

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the surface engagement between a light United States patrol force and a Japanese force to westward of Attu island on March 26, 1943 (previously reported in navy department communique number 327).

Force Described
"2. The United States force, consisting of one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser and four destroyers, was patrolling in the area to the southeast of the Komandorski islands when contact was made with the enemy shortly after dawn on the 26th. The Japanese force was composed of two heavy cruisers, two light cruisers, six destroyers and two transports, and was headed eastward toward the Aleutians.

Long Range
"3. Firing was opened at long range and the engagement continued for three and one-half hours. Hits were scored on both sides. At the start of the engagement the enemy force was to the eastward of the United States force, and in the maneuvering to reverse positions, three of the United States destroyers launched a torpedo attack which caused the enemy to break off the engagement and withdraw.

"4. Extent of the damage inflicted on the enemy vessels is not definitely known, but shell hits were scored on both of the Japanese heavy cruisers and on one of the light cruisers. At least one torpedo hit was scored on a heavy cruiser. Minor damage was sustained by United States vessels and casualties to personnel were extremely light."

Navy Force Grabs Russell Islands Near Guadalcanal

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after the battle against 21 enemy bombers and 30 fighters. At least 13 Japanese planes were destroyed, and it was considered likely that others failed to reach their home base in the bad weather.

Burma—British headquarters said RAF bombers raided the big Japanese base at Akyab by day and night, setting fires, while other RAF planes strafed enemy troops along the Bay of Bengal coast farther north.

No change was noted in land fighting.

China—U. S. army fliers were officially credited with blasting six Japanese planes out of the skies and probably destroying seven others in a running battle over Hunan province. Only one American plane was lost.

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15-DAY TRUCE DECLARED IN COAL DEADLOCK

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a two-week delay, Ickes said he had just taken over the case, at the direction of President Roosevelt, and "I wanted to get my feet on the ground."

While saying he has "no power or purpose to undertake negotiations," he added he would be "very glad to help in any way."

Possibilities Proved
"If," Ickes was asked, "the war labor board decides the dispute and Lewis refuses to accept its decision, will you retain possession of the mines as long as he refuses to sign?"

"I am not looking ahead to that," was the reply.
Asked when he would turn the mines back to the operators, he replied, "when the coal business is a going concern."

The order was telegraphed to approximately 3850 mine operators now running their properties as agents for the government.

Ickes said mines failing to operate six days weekly would suffer cancellation of the price ceiling increases granted them by the office of price administration to cover the added costs of over-time pay.

"No Comment"
In New York City, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, said "no comment" when asked his reaction to the six-day week order.

Ickes' order to mine operators went out as the first day of a two-week temporary truce found the miners busily digging the war vital fuel with Uncle

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Sam as their new boss. The fuel administrator's directive said: "Since maximum prices have recently been increased by the office of price administration to permit operations of mines on a six-day week work basis you are to afford miners an opportunity to work six days each week and are to operate mines under your charge on that basis and to pay time and one-half or rate and one-half for sixth day or work as heretofore agreed upon by collective bargaining and previously cleared by war labor board.

"The government is relying upon you and all miner employes to exercise utmost effort in maintaining and increasing production of coal so vital to the winning of the war."

House Returns Pay-as-you-go To Ways, Means

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vote of 208 to 202 to accept the republican-sponsored plan to wipe out a year's tax debts.

The compromise upon which the house settled in sending the bill back to the committee with instructions which, in effect, are mandatory and almost certain to bring passage, was advanced by Rep. Forand (D-R. L.).

It would cancel the first 19 units—the 6 per cent normal and the first 13 per cent surtax—on 1942 individual income.

The measure carries a clause providing for a 20 per cent withholding tax, designed to collect taxes currently beginning July 1 at the source.

Jeffers Fights Curtailment of Rubber Program

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win this war and have no other or personal motives."

Asserting that testimony heard during the committee's investigation of Patterson's charges that preferences granted rubber had seriously interfered with 100-cent gasoline production indicated he and his associates "have done our job well—perhaps even too well," Jeffers said.

CITY FREEZES LOTS FOR HIGHWAY ROUTE

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highway along Alameda street to provide a new northern entrance into the city and a connection with the highway south.

A map of the city of Klamath Falls, with city owned lots marked in red, was handed to the councilmen for their perusal. It is these city and county owned lots that are "frozen" for the time being. In a letter written by Jack Weaver, resident engineer of the Oregon state highway department, the following request was made.

"All city owned property in which the state highway commission is interested for highway right-of-way purposes is shown in red, with the request that the same be withdrawn from your list of tax sale property until the commission has had time to either negotiate for the property, or make definite decision not to use same.

"The property colored red along the north and easterly part of the city, along the railroad and canal, is definitely wanted for right-of-way purposes. That property that has been colored from Blehn street to Conger avenue along Calif-

nia avenue, is not needed at present but with the possibility of The Dalles-California highway being relocated there some time, and as County Commissioner Reber pointed out, withdrawal of that property from the sales list until final decision is reached by the commission on the matter, will not be a great detriment to the city."

Approximately 80 per cent of the property involved along Alameda street, is owned by the city or county. It is understood that a survey of the proposed route has been completed.

The new highway will start at Frankford's woodyard, a quarter of a mile north of the city limits from Blehn street.

City fathers discussed at length the report of the bond committee of which W. O. Smith is chairman, and voted to accept recommendations of this committee in regard to foreclosure of city owned property. A committee of three, including a member of the bond committee, the appraisal board, and the police judge, will handle details.

Our might must grow even more than that of the phenomenal growth of the last 12 months—until we can strike crushing anywhere on the globe.—Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle.

TULELAKE WRA PROJECT COST SEVEN MILLION

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lake center is one of the largest in the WRA, with an April 1 population of 14,530.

"On the basis of actual operation from July 1, 1942, through March 31, 1943," he said, "there has been, during this period, a total of 10,818 man years. The man year figure divided into the total cost for the same period indicates that the current cost of operation is \$457.33 per man year."

If this sacrifice of blood and strength again brings a concentration of riches in the hands of a few—great fortunes for the privileged and misery and poverty for the people in general—then democracy will have failed and all this sacrifice will have been in vain.—Vice President Henry Wallace.

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