

ALLIES HAVE FIRM FOOTING, SAYS STIMSON

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—Secretary Stimson said today the allies have established a foothold on the European continent.

"We are there to stay all of France is liberated Germany defeated," he said, although cautioning that most expect counterattacks far more than any yet met in the west in Normandy.

Stimson told a news conference that destruction or heavy damage to nine bridges over the Rhine by allied air force was one major factor in slowing the development of a major attack—"a delay longer than we could reasonably have anticipated."

The fuller information which now comes on the initial landings of our men on the French coast, the secretary said, "is a point to illustrate the desirability of not reaching hasty conclusions. The west wall was a pushover. At various places the landings were relatively easy, thanks to an element of tactical surprise, a care choice of the general region of the assault and the destruction of German communications preceding air attack.

But everywhere German offensive mines, beach obstacles, and pill boxes were a dangerous hazard.

Stimson noted that allied forces suffered casualties in the operation "but not as many as commanders were obliged to contemplate upon beforehand."

Facing the rapid northward advance of the allies in Italy, the secretary said that while the Germans had brought up some fresh troops to stiffen resistance temporarily on the west end of the peninsula, the nazis' right wing again collapsed. The condition of the nazis forces, he added, is such that they may require reinforcement to attempt a stand north of their present positions. He mentioned that any such reinforcement would have a bearing on the front.

Turning to the Pacific, Stimson noted new blows in Japan's Marianas Islands, in the Kuriles, and

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They quickly retreated, then returned with reinforcements. A soldier slithered through the door and came face to face with two frightened pigeons.

FINE FISHING

OREGON CITY, Ore.—When three overseas veterans here on furlough were arrested for fishing without a license, Sheriff Fred Reaksecker decided the law was being enforced too well, appeared in court in their behalf.

The sheriff's plea lost—but the veterans won anyway. Reaksecker paid their fines out of his own pocket.

EAGLES TO OBSERVE EMBLEM DAY EVENTS

Klamath Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will hold patriotic Emblem Day exercises, Friday evening, June 16, in its lodge rooms at 9th and Walnut. This is part of the fraternity's nationwide observance of the day, the first to be held in the history of this country.

Emblem Day commemorates the adoption of the American bald eagle as the emblem of this nation, an event which took place on June 20, 1782. Commemoration of this event was neglected until 1942, when Wisconsin Eagles adopted a resolution setting June 20 as Emblem Day and dedicated the day to the spirit of the eagle, monarch of the skies. Early this year the national governing body of the order put Emblem Day on the Eagle calendar.

A program has been arranged for Friday evening by President Homer Truax, and all visiting Eagles are especially invited to attend inauguration of the celebration of Emblem Day.

THOMPSON CHARGED WITH THEFT OF \$20

Everett Gerald Thompson was in the county jail Tuesday charged with taking \$60 in currency and a roll of 20 silver dollars from a money bag lying in the back room at the Crosscut cafe, Chiloquin.

The sheriff's report stated that Thompson allegedly took the money, went out the back door, walked into the pool hall next door and cashed in the 20 silver dollars for a \$20 bill.

A short time later, according to the report, Officer John Arkell found the \$60 on Thompson in a watch pocket along with the silver dollar wrapper. When questioned Thompson said he couldn't remember anything about taking the money. Arkell, who made the arrest, reported that the man had obviously been drinking.

Thompson was brought to Klamath Falls from Chiloquin by Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon Tuesday.

NO DOUBT

LIBERAL, Kas.—Pvt. Clyde L. Dobbs wrote friends from an Arizona army camp: "Rattlesnakes are numerous here, and they would be a menace, if our commanding officer hadn't used great foresight. He issued a bulletin restricting all snakes (without passes) from the post. The military police execute the order, stopping the snakes at the gate."

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The programs will be over the air each Thursday evening for the next five weeks. Members of the Moose lodge believe that the programs should be of interest to the people of Klamath Falls.

Faculty Shortage Increases, Report

SALEM, June 15 (AP)—Oregon's teaching shortage will be more serious than ever before when the school year opens next September, the state department of public instruction said today.

HUME SUCCEEDED BY COL. FISKE IN ROME

ROME, June 15 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Edgar Hume today relinquished his duties as chief allied military government officer for Rome and was succeeded temporarily by Col. Norman E. Fiske.

Fiske, a native of Portland, Ore., was American military attaché in Rome, and was interned at the time of Pearl Harbor. Later he was exchanged. He now is deputy executive commissioner of the allied control commission.

Hume, senior AMG officer of the fifth army, will supervise military governmental work in the newly occupied areas north of Rome.

The shift marked transfer of

BABY DROWNS IN TUB

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., June 15 (AP)—A tumble into a tub of water caused the death of Mark Allen Lyons, 13-month-old baby, here, his mother, Mrs. Robert Lyons Jr., said today. She said she left the child for a few minutes and when she returned found him in the tub.

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