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Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace
Stream year to date	4.20
Normal	4.72 Last year 2.77
Forecast: Clear	

YANK ARMORED COLUMNS HIT NEAR BASTOGNE

Germans Say 50,000 Americans Lost In Action

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Jan. 3 (AP)—The Germans have lost at least 60,000 casualties and 400 tanks in their winter smash into Belgium, it was estimated unofficially in the field today as American armor hammering the west of the German bulge hit 5 1/2 miles north-east of Bastogne.

U. S. troops and armor were driving up a railway toward St. Vith, meeting fierce resistance in a drive carrying into the outskirts of Michamps and into the Meisters woods.

50,000 Yanks
One dispatch from the western front said German casualties were estimated unofficially at 60,000, and another reported an official estimate placing at 20,000 the number of prisoners in the first 16 days of Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's drive. (The German high command said today that U. S. casualties exceeded 50,000; supreme headquarters has given no figures.)

Four hundred German tanks also had been wrecked through December 31, an official tally said, without including the scores of tanks knocked out by allied warplanes which repeatedly swooped upon Nazi columns.

Situation Stable
The situation now has been stabilized, a field dispatch declared, and the Germans are reinforcing heavily around Houffalize, nine miles northeast of Bastogne.

But the German army was lashing out furiously at a dozen (Continued on Page Three)

Conference Set On Land Protest

The county court has received word that representatives of the war production board, forest service and Shevlin-Hixon company of Bend will be here Friday for a conference on the county's protest against a forest land exchange in the northern part of the county.

Fred Brundage, WFB representative for the northwest lumber program, will be in the group, as well as Huntington Taylor, former Klamath lumberman connected with WFB.

PLASTIRAS TO FORM CABINET TO END FIGHT

By STEPHEN BARBER
ATHENS, Jan. 3 (AP)—Gen. Nicholas Plastiras, veteran Greek soldier and politician, undertook today to form a new all-party government in the hope of ending the bitter strife which has wracked Greece for many weeks.

Plastiras agreed to assume the premiership last night at the request of Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens, who was named king of Greece last Friday by King George II, now in London.

Gen. Plastiras succeeds George Papandreu, British-supported premier who resigned when it became apparent that his efforts to restore harmony were doomed to failure.

Meanwhile it was announced (Continued on Page Three)

Foo Fighters Puzzle Yanks Flying Over Reich at Night

A U. S. NIGHT FIGHTER BASE, FRANCE, Jan. 3 (AP)—American fighter pilots engaged in flying night intruder missions over Germany report the nazis have come up with a new "secret weapon"—mysterious "balls of fire" which race along beside their planes for miles like will-o'-the-wisps.

Yank pilots have dubbed them "foo fighters," and at first thought they might explode, but so far there is no indication that any planes have been damaged by them.

Some pilots have expressed belief that the "foo fighter" was designed strictly as a psychological weapon. Intelligence reports seem to indicate it is radio-controlled from the ground and can keep pace with planes flying 300 miles per hour.

Li. Donald Meiers of Chicago, Ill., said there are three types of "foo fighters"—red balls of fire that fly along at wing tip; a vertical row of three balls of fire which fly in front of the planes, and a group of about 15 lights which follow the plane at a distance, flickering on and off.

Floating and plane-follower balls in fire-like color, added to the silver globes encountered over the German lines by American airmen, might not be as mysterious as would seem in cable dispatches. C. E. Butterfield, AP radio editor, says.

This is just a guess, but on the little information available, the colored and glowing globes might well be added elements in attempts to interfere with radio signals and radar detection.

While dispatches hint that they travel along with a plane or stay a certain distance ahead would tend toward the belief that they instead are magnetic. Thus, the metal of a plane would attract them, at the same time holding them at a distance. Radio control from the ground or another plane would not permit such apparent accuracy in control.

The glow, coupled with the possible magnetic action, might come from the type of gas they contain to aid in their electrical qualities and to add to their buoyancy.

Parker Pleads Guilty to Reckless Driving

William Parker, 33, lumber worker, who charged a reckless driving after his car skidded 483 feet on Riverside avenue New Year's eve and crashed into the side of the Link River auto camp office, was fined \$80 in police court Tuesday afternoon.

Parker, who suffered minor hurts, also had his driver's license suspended for a period of 90 days by Police Judge Harold Franey. Mrs. Parker, who received a severe cut over the eye, spent a good night at Klamath Valley hospital, attendants reported.

Industrial Centers Of Japan Blasted By Superfortresses

By LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor

Strong waves of American Superfortresses smashed at three important Japanese industrial cities today in their first big raid of this year while Tokyo radio reported new U. S. transport movements south of invasion-threatened Luzon island in the Philippines.

Japanese dispatches said 20 Philippine-based Liberators made their second 1945 strike at Manila's Clark field and Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced his bombers had extended their field of operation to include Formosa, primary enemy staging base between Japan and the Philippines.

Tokyo propaganda dispatches, which have reported the recent arrival of at least three convoys at Mindoro island south of Luzon, claimed that one transport was sunk and three damaged in repeated strikes Tuesday at several convoy groups in the Mindoro sea.

A Japanese communique reported that about 90 Saipan-based B-29s made today's attack on Japan. The main force hit the repeatedly bombed aircraft city of Nagoya while other units struck at the flank-

REDS CAPTURE ADDED BLOCKS IN BUDAPEST

By DANIEL DeLUCE
MOSCOW, Jan. 3 (AP)—Russian storm forces were smashing their way through bloody Budapest today in probably the fiercest house-to-house fighting since Stalingrad.

Making progress in what an official announcement called "fiercer encounters in fortified houses," in courtyards and in cellars, red army troops yesterday captured 232 blocks in Pest, the part of the city east of the Danube, and 53 blocks in Buda on the opposite bank.

Nazis Lose 40,000
On the basis of preliminary reports it is believed in Moscow that the enemy garrison already has lost 10,000 dead and possibly 30,000 wounded.

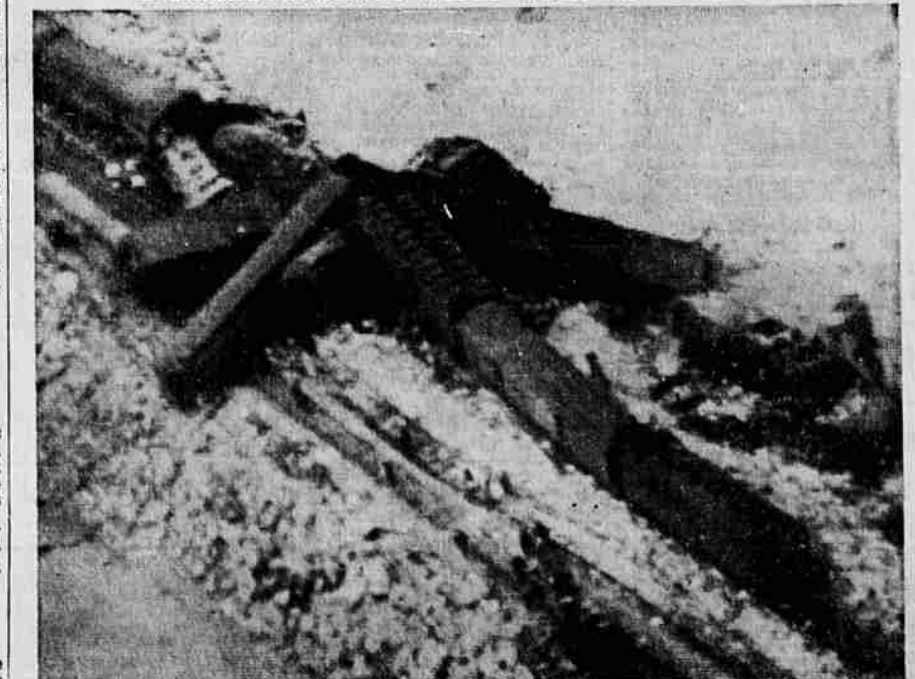
Although the red army has not officially estimated the strength of the trapped garrison, Col. Gen. János Voros, minister of defense of the provincial Hungarian government recently set up in Russian-held territory, said last night the total may run as high as 75,000 to 100,000 Germans, plus 30,000 Hungarians.

Heuvel Hearing Set Thursday

A preliminary hearing on the Heuvel case is slated for Thursday morning at 10:30 at the justice court. Former Police Chief Earl Heuvel, arrested December 19 on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl, was free on a \$1000 cash bond after his arrest.

It will be the duty of Justice of the Peace Joseph Mahoney at the preliminary hearing to determine whether Heuvel shall be bound over to the grand jury.

Dramatic Airview of West's Worst Rail Disaster



This aerial photograph dramatically shows the tremendous force of collision between first and second sections of the Southern Pacific's Pacific Limited. Steel cars of the first section are hurled from the tracks down a 10-foot incline into the salty marsh backwaters of Great Salt Lake, near Ogden, Utah. Other cars are strewn all over the right of way. Between 50 and 65 persons were killed, more than 100 injured in nation's worst rail disaster since the last war.

New Administration Takes Over



Mayor Ed Ostendorf with newly-elected and hold-over officers, gathered around the council table Tuesday night as they officially took office. Standing, left to right, Councilman Paul O. Landry, who replaces Walter Wiesendanger, ward 4; Mayor Ostendorf, City Treasurer Ruth O. Berry, taking over duties of Ruth O. Bathlany; Councilman Angus Newton, replacing A. H. Bussman, Ward 1. Around the council table, left to right, Councilman Harvey Martin, Police Judge Harold Franey, Councilmen J. J. Keller, president of the council, and Rollin Cantrall.

DIRECTORS FAVOR LOOKING INTO PUD

Klamath chamber of commerce directors today adopted a report of the chamber's special power committee, favoring an investigation by the state hydroelectric commission of the feasibility of establishing a public utilities district in this area.

Ed Geary, chairman of the committee, submitted its report, stating that the committee feels there is as much technical information involved in the PUD question that an engineering study by the hydroelectric commission is in order. Petitions are to be circulated asking the commission for such an investigation, supported by a number of Klamath groups, now including the chamber of commerce.

The state investigation will be necessary before any public vote is attempted on a PUD.

The chamber action is similar to that taken by the directors of the Klamath irrigation district. Discussion of the possibility of a PUD came up after Bonneville officials stated here that Bonneville is asking for a budget item for a transmission line into this area.

The chamber power committee informally discussed reported proposals for a shift of Klamath basin water into the Pitt river watershed, and suggested that this matter be turned over to the land use committee for watch and study. The committee members said they all favored reservation of every drop of water necessary for the greatest potential use for irrigation in the Klamath area.

All Victims Identified

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 3 (AP)—All of the 48 persons in Sunday's railroad wreck near here have been identified, the Southern Pacific announced today.

The last to be identified was Mrs. Wilford Smith of Portland, Maine, whose husband, a navy enlisted man, also died in the wreck.

The Southern Pacific said in San Francisco that identification of two other women had been completed. They were Mrs. Mary A. Peavy of Scotland, Ga., whose husband, BM 1/c Fred L. Peavy, USN, was killed in the crash, and Astrid Hagglund of Oakland, Calif.

M'Intyre Accepts New Position

The First Federal Savings and Loan association Wednesday announced that George W. McIntyre, for more than 20 years affiliated with the First National bank, had accepted the post as assistant to the president, C. S. Robertson. McIntyre resigned his bank office January 1, and takes over his new duties January 8.

New Rehabilitation Plan For Marines Set in Motion

A complete new plan of rehabilitation for the more than 3000 marines at the Barracks and a streamlined system of administration has been set in motion by Col. George Van Orden, effective January 1.

In addition to the headquarters and service companies—the more or less permanent personnel—two battalions have been created, commanded by Maj. Goodwin R. Luek and Maj. Joseph J. Foss. Men in these units are undergoing a 13-week training program before being transferred.

As before, when a man completes his tour of duty in Klamath Falls, he may request transfer to a station near his home, and a marine coming in from the Pacific is given a furlough before his training begins.

Training Program
This training consists of military schooling, athletics and outdoor work. One-half of each company is scheduled to engage in military routine in the morning and athletics in the after-

City Officials Sworn In; New Committees Appointed

The new administration of the city of Klamath Falls took office Tuesday night.

The oath of office was administered by Police Judge Harold Franey to Mayor Ed Ostendorf, Councilmen Paul O. Landry and Angus Newton, City Attorney Henry Perkins and City Treasurer Ruth O. Berry.

Greets Officials
Retiring Mayor John Houston, following his annual report to the council, greeted the new officials and extended the best wishes for a successful term of office.

First action taken by Mayor Ostendorf was appointment of committees which the council affirmed. The resignation of A. M. Collier as chairman of the recreation committee will also be referred to the recreation committee.

FARM LABOR DRAFT CALLED BY BYRNES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—James F. Byrnes called on selective service today to take steps for the immediate induction into the armed services of men 18 through 25 who now have agricultural deferments.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said the war mobilization director had made the request to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey "because of representations made to him by the army and navy that they must have men."

79TH CONGRESS BEGINS SESSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—The 79th congress was convened with war-born solemnity today as the nation girded "or a critical year, both at home and abroad.

As if stressing the prime importance of the manpower problem, the White House greeted the assembling lawmakers with an announcement that young farm workers, now deferred, must be drafted "to the full extent permitted by law."

Turks to Break With Japanese

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP)—The Ankara radio announced tonight the Turkish grand national assembly had voted unanimously to break off diplomatic and economic relations with Japan, effective next Saturday.

One Baby Born New Year's Day

One New Year's Day baby was reported born here January 1, 1945, when the stork left his first bundle for the Robert O. Rainwater family, 3743 Summers lane.

The child, a girl, weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces. Mrs. Rainwater and daughter are doing nicely at Klamath Valley hospital.

Bulletin

SALEM, Jan. 3 (AP)—The state supreme court refused today to grant a writ of habeas corpus which had been sought today in an 11th hour move to save Robert E. Lee Folkes, 23, from dying in the lethal gas chamber at 9 a. m. next Friday.

OPA CHARGES FAILURE TO USE POINTS

Restaurants, Dealers In Meat Here Accused

Charges of selling and obtaining rationed meats without the exchange of red points, were filed this week against eight Klamath Falls restaurants, one meat wholesaler and one meat retailer by the Portland district office of the office of price administration. Charges were the first filed in Klamath county since rationing went into effect.

Hearings were scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday at the local OPA offices, conducted by Commissioner J. Palmer Mitchell, office of administrative hearing, San Francisco, and Cecelia P. Gallagher, OPA attorney, Portland district office.

Restaurants Cited
Slated to appear before the board Wednesday were Winema Coffee shop, Klamath Billiards, Max's Coffee shop, Hershberger's cafe, and E. D. Trulove, slaughterer.

Those appearing Thursday will be R. F. England, doing business as the Eagle cafe; R. F. England, doing business as the New K cafe; R. F. England, doing business as Trulove's Market; the Depot cafe and the Anchor cafe.

No Points, Charge
Restaurants involved are charged with having bought meat for which they did not pay points. They are charged to have obtained their meats from Trulove's Market, Miss Gallagher said. The charges against England and Trulove involve selling meat to these restaurants and (Continued on Page Three)

NEW JAIL REQUEST REJECTED BY FWA

The city of Klamath Falls' request for Lanham Act funds for the construction of a city jail was rejected on the basis of insufficient war connected need, members of the city council learned Tuesday night.

In a letter from W. H. Cheney, regional director of the federal works agency, the city was advised that action had been taken by FWA after careful review of the petition, but not sufficient war connected need was shown to warrant favorable consideration "under existing war time criteria."

"While construction of new facilities may be desirable from an overall community standpoint," Cheney stated, "it does not appear that the area has experienced a substantial population increase to permit a finding of war need."

Cheney suggested to the council that the proposed new jail be included in a post-war public works program, indicating that federal aid might be available after the war.

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