

MONTGOMERY FIGHTS INTO WEDGE

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EARL HEUVEL
BOUNDED OVER
TO GRAND JURY
Decision Announced
By Justice of
Peace

Earl Heuvel, former chief of police, was bound over to the grand jury in a decision handed down at 11 o'clock Saturday morning by Justice of the Peace A. Mahoney. Heuvel faces a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The majority decision was rendered in justice court before Heuvel, Defense Attorney Joseph G. O'Neill and District Attorney Clarence Humble. A preliminary hearing ended early Friday afternoon following a one and one-half day session.

Explains
Before his decision was given, Mahoney told attorneys and the defendant that he wished to make a few explanatory remarks.

"I believe, like everyone else, that the girls were giving false testimony," Mahoney stated, referring to stories told by Willie Collins and her sister, Marie.

"Morally, I think they were good girls, but the fact still remains that the chief still retained books and that he could have turned the young girl over to the juvenile authorities."

"In the second place, there was at no time any testimony (Continued on Page Two)

Assault Forces Close In on Luzon

NAZIS LAUNCH SUPREME BID FOR BUDAPEST

Germans Try to Reach Isolated Garrison in Capital

By EDDIE GILMORE
MOSCOW, Jan. 6 (AP)—Tank, artillery and air battles virtually as fierce as any fought since Germany attacked Russia raged northwest of Budapest today as the Germans made a supreme bid to break through to their isolated garrison in the battered Hungarian capital.

The fighting has reached such a pitch that neither side has given any clear indication of how far the German penetration has gone toward the city from the Komarom area.

Sector Fluid
At last report the Russians held a zone possibly 30 miles deep, but dispatches said the whole sector south of the Danube bend now is most fluid and places are changing hands several times daily.

A Russian communique said the Germans threw 300 tanks into the battle yesterday.

The Germans were said to have brought up numerous King Tigers from the Vienna area. These met a strong foe in the red army's new T-34 tanks. The Germans also poured great numbers of other mobile weapons into the area in the past two days.

Strong forces of German aircraft—greater number than (Continued on Page Two)



Mearns T. Gates, third from left, national president of the Junior chamber of commerce, is shown here being greeted by Phil Lee, Charles Stark and Mayor Ed Ostendorf, extreme right. Mearns will speak tonight at the Willard hotel for the local Jaycee founders' banquet.

Island Invasion Hinted by Nips

Associated Press War Editor
American assault forces are closing in and "may have landed on Luzon," most important island in the Philippines, Tokyo radio reported today as coordinated U. S. land, sea and air forces invaded, shelled or bombed strategic Japanese-held islands spread over more than 1000 miles.

The quickening tempo of the Pacific war brought these developments:

1. Tokyo radio reported three new allied convoys on the move in Philippine waters, including a heavily guarded invasion flotilla west of Luzon on which Manila is situated.
2. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced the unopposed invasion and capture of Marinduque island, 12 miles south of Luzon and less than 100 miles from Manila. It was the seventh island to be retaken in the Philippines.
3. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced fast U. S. carrier forces destroyed 111 Japanese planes and 27 ships in their two-day raid on Formosa and the Okinawa islands, linking Japan and the Philippines. Sixty-eight other ships were damaged.
4. For the first time sea-borne U. S. planes reached the China coast. They searched 500 miles of the coastline from Foochow to Hongkong and reported they could have flown on to U. S. air bases in the interior.
5. Another U. S. task force shelled major harbors on Haha Jima and Chichi Jima in the Bonin islands, 650 miles south of Tokyo and 1300 miles west of Formosa.
6. About 70 or 80 China-based Superforts bombed western Kyushu in the Japanese homeland, apparently hitting for the sixth time at the important Omura aircraft factory. Tokyo said 12 other B-29s bombed Nanking.
7. Japanese troops in southwest China captured Wanting, Burma-road fortress town near the Burma-China frontier.
8. The navy announced the loss of the destroyer Reid in (Continued on Page Two)

THREE MAIN STREET FIRMS TO EXPAND

Several changes in the 500 block on Main street were announced Saturday as three firms announced expansion plans for the coming spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Margulis, who have been in business here for 12 years as operators of Margulis store for women, will join the management of LaPointe's, according to Curt Lion, owner. LaPointe's plans call for including the first floor of the Earley hotel, now occupied by the Town Shop, expanding the floor space to the fifth street corner.

Holds Lease
Lion has had a lease on the first floor of the hotel building since January 1, 1944.

The Town Shop, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Moon and Alice Dale Peterson, has taken a lease on the space now occupied by the Emporium, 500 Main, and (Continued on Page Two)

Job-Changers May Face Induction

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Capitol sources predicted today selective service headquarters would direct local draft boards within the next 24 hours to induct men between 18 and 38 who change jobs without board approval.

Sources close to the house military committee said they were informed of the new order by spokesmen for selective service.

These sources also said the army has agreed to lower its physical standards to accept for work units men sent to it by draft boards under a "work or fight" regulation.

MAN, WOMAN HURT IN CAR ACCIDENT

An elderly man and a young woman, whom he attempted to save from injury when she walked in the path of a car, were injured at 8:39 p. m. Friday near the Southern Pacific depot.

C. D. Collins, Kirk, and Nonie Hargraves, 28, 3131 Sunset, were treated at Klamath Valley hospital for head injuries but later both were released. City police were called to the depot by Southern Pacific Officer Todd. They learned that Miss Hargraves walked out of the Depot cage toward the station and stepped in front of a car operated by Fern Pennington, 1860 Portland, SP call girl. Collins ran forward to pull the girl aside and both were struck. They were moved to the hospital by Ward's ambulance.

City police said that Miss Pennington was exonerated of all blame.

Roosevelt Calls for Total Mobilization to Smash Jap, German War Machines in '45

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—President Roosevelt today called for "total mobilization of all our human resources" to smash Nazi Germany in 1945 and speed strangulation of Japan's "malignant power."

Once again he called for "unconditional surrender," but this time referred specifically to "the armies of our enemies" in apparent distinction from "whole peoples."

National Service
By total mobilization, Mr. Roosevelt said in a message to congress, he means a national service act—and "at the earliest possible moment."

The president's message on the state of the Union, which he will summarize in a nationwide broadcast tonight, ranged over the whole field of domestic and world problems.

Broadly sketched, he made these paramount points:

HOME FRONT:
Renewed his demand for national military service and said he would ask later for postwar universal military training; called for the drafting of nurses for the armed forces; urged an expanded social security program; said taxes should be modified after V-E day but declared no general revision can be made until total victory.

FIGHTING FRONTS:
Disclosed that the army has developed the most powerfully armed tank yet produced and said "we shall resume the attack and... continue the attack relentlessly until Germany is completely defeated." Said we are about to equip large new French forces for combat against the nazis, but warned that the Germans recently have increased their U-boat activity in the Atlantic. He expressed "complete confidence" in General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

FOREIGN POLICY:
"We cannot and will not shrink from the political responsibility (Continued on Page Two)

Canadians Take Sant' Alberto

ROME, Jan. 6 (AP)—Canadian forces, pushing northward through Italy's eastern Po valley, have captured Sant' Alberto, eight miles above Ravenna, allied headquarters announced today.

Climaxing a week long drive through the canals and waterways of the Po estuary, Canadian troops and armor pushed over the Canale Bonifica in a move that caught the Germans flatfooted. The Canadians fanned out to the shores of Valli Di Comacchio, forcing the nazis to withdraw eastward and westward under the threat of being cut off.

M'Kellar Named To Head Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—The senate formally elected Senator Kenneth D. McKellar (D-Tenn.) its president pro tempore today, ratifying the election made by the democratic caucus yesterday.

As a matter of form, Minority Leader White moved that Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) be named instead. His motion lost by a straight party vote of 37 to 24.

Bulletin

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES, Sunday, Jan. 7 (AP)—Mitchell bombers and fighter bombers continued their strikes against southern Luzon, main Philippine island, January 4 and 5. General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

NAZI OFFENSE AIMED TOWARD STRASBOURG

Breakthrough Averted By Hemming In Germans

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Jan. 6 (AP)—Field Marshal Montgomery's British and American battle team fought deeper into the middle of the north wall of the Belgian wedge today as a new German offensive in Alsace threatened Strasbourg with a three-way drive.

Late front dispatches said however that danger of a breakthrough on the Alsace front had been averted by drawing a ring of steel around trapped Germans at Wingen, at the apex of a 15-mile deep wedge 28 miles north-west of Strasbourg.

Hemmed In
About 400 Germans who made a surprise crossing of the Rhine at places seven to 14 miles north of Strasbourg also were being hemmed in and mopped up, and a number of villages were retaken.

The biggest gain of the day hammered out in the battle of the bulge was in Luxembourg by the third army's Blue Ridge (80th) infantry division which crossed the Sure 13 miles east of Bastogne, took Goersdorf and went on into Dahl in a two-mile advance.

Gauge Out Gains
Amid a flurry of attacks and counter attacks, U. S. first army units under Montgomery's command gouged out a series of gains of more than a mile, capturing Odeigne, mopping up Devantave and advancing to a crossroads near Fraiture, where they were within one-half mile of the vital Laroche-St. Vith highway.

Suddenly reversing his apparent intention of withdrawing strength from the western tip of his bulge, however, Von Rundstedt threw a blow at British-held sectors and knocked them back for as much as 1000 yards, recapturing Bure at the deepest point of his present penetration into Belgium.

Advance
The 82nd airborne division of the first army advanced along the Salm river below Trois (Continued on Page Two)

Cpl. Belden Hall Missing, Report

PENDLETON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Cpl. Belden H. Hall, 22, of Klamath Falls has been missing in action over Germany since December 23, the war department informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, here today.

The parents moved here from Klamath Falls in September. Cpl. Hall is in the air corps. No particulars were given in the war department notice.

Husband of Klamath Woman Demolishes Bridges to Slow Jap Drive in China

A story packed with all the thrills of a Hollywood movie appeared in the January 8 issue of the magazine in which the husband of Captain Stanley A. Staiger, of Klamath Falls, is mentioned as one of 16 American soldiers who helped save from utter disaster the great retreat in southeast China.

For years to come an area of southeast China for 300 miles will bear the scars of destruction left by a band of 16 U. S. soldiers. Somewhere in China last week the 16 grimly added to the results of their adventure. They had accounted for some 150 bridges, 50 roadblocks, 20 to 30 trains, one tunnel, an assortment of locomotives, trucks, many hostels, one Catholic mission and a machine shop. But they had helped slow the Japanese advance on Kweichow, had saved from utter disaster the great retreat in southeast China.

Preaches, Practices
Commander of the band of volunteers was 25-year-old Major Frank Gleason of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He had been in Kweichow since last summer to teach demolition techniques to the Chinese. When the Japanese began their autumn offensive, he and his men stopped teaching and began fighting.

Kweichow, with nearby Lluow, forms the hub of southern China's highways and rail-

In China



Capt. Stanley A. Staiger

from New Canaan, Conn., Sgt. Paul Todd of Kalamazoo, and a Chinese boy interpreter called "Virgil." When the sergeants found it difficult to get cooperation, they reached themselves to "colonels." Chinese civilians, impressed by their rank, gave them special food and baths.

"When the great Jap campaign got up full steam in October, Gleason's band was ready to tump in charges, fuse them and blow. Waiting until the last possible moment before the enemy advance, Gleason finally started the destruction."

24-Hour Day
"Capt. Stanley A. Staiger, of Portland, and ex-Jockey Johnston, carrying explosives in sacks, worked for 24 hours along a river bank, never knowing for sure how near the Japs were. One after another they destroyed bridges along their way. By the time they reached the last bridge they had only four inches of fuse left. They tamped in the charge, lit the fuse and galloped off with the uproar in their ears and debris raining around them.

"The Jap tide rolled on. It rolled up to the great air force base at Lluchow. Gleason and his men did their ruinous best there. They wanted to fire the city, too, but wretched Chinese householders, waving guns, refused to let them."

(Mrs. Staiger and her infant son, Stanley, Jr., are here for the duration with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Woodruff, 1428 Pacific Terrace.)

COURTS EYE WITHDRAWAL OF PROTEST

The Klamath and Lake county courts took under advisement today a suggestion that they withdraw their protests against a proposed land exchange between the forest service and Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company at Bend, made yesterday by WPB and forest officials in order to assure continued production of war materials at the Bend plant.

January 17 was set at the local meeting as a date for further discussion of the proposed withdrawal of protests. The protests were lodged by both courts with the federal land office and are holding up an exchange of some 17,000 acres in northern areas of the two counties.

Under the land exchange proposal, the company would deed the 17,000 acres to the forest service, in exchange for timber of equal value on forest service land. The acreage totals 8436.47 in Klamath county and 9118.89 in Lake county, but the company and forest service also have an impending exchange involving (Continued on Page Two)

Chinese Lose Border Town

CHUNGKING, Jan. 6 (AP)—Chinese armed forces have lost the China-Burma border town of Wanting after a brief occupation, but are expected to assume the offensive "within the almost immediate future," an American staff officer said today.

Brig. Gen. Marvin E. Gross, assistant chief of staff for plans, United States forces in China, declared that the Chinese now are in position to offer much greater resistance than ever before to the Japanese and predicted the new Ledro-Burma road would be in operation soon.

Bridges Blasted By Yank Heavies

LONDON, Jan. 6 (AP)—More than 800 American heavy bombers, escorted by nearly 600 Mustangs, attacked three road and rail bridges across the Rhine at Cologne and Bonn today and bombed several rail yards and other communication centers in western Germany.

It was the 15th daylight attack by Britain-based U. S. 8th air force bombers and fighters in 14 days in support of American armies battling against the German attempt to crash through allied lines and overrun Belgium.

Famous Coach At Barracks



Shown above is Lt. Col. Dick Hanley perusing The Herald and News while at breakfast at the marine BOQ. Hanley is former head football coach of Northwestern university in the Big Ten conference and is here on a brief inspection tour. Hanley served as co-coach of the East grid squad with Andy Kerr for a number of years in the annual East-West Shrine football classic and began his coaching career at Pendleton, Ore., high school. At present he is head coach of the El Toro marine club, a member of which Big Frank Ramsey, former KUHS mentor, is a member. Hanley states that Ramsey is one of the outstanding linemen on the squad.

Superintendent Of GN Promoted

W. R. Minton, superintendent of the Klamath division of the Great Northern railroad for the past year-and-a-half has been promoted to superintendent of the Kalispell division of the line at Whitefish, Mont. Minton succeeded H. M. Shapleigh here in July of 1943, coming from Willmar, Minn.

T. A. Jarrow will replace Minton as superintendent of the Klamath division. He arrived here yesterday from Spokane, Wash., where he held the position of trainmaster.

Shift in Western Front Armies May Be Temporary

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Belief that regrouping of the northern armies in western Europe under British Field Marshal Montgomery is a temporary arrangement was expressed here today by informed military students.

They agreed, however, that it was possible the operation might prove sufficiently satisfactory to be made permanent.

Their view was that Montgomery was first given the command because the allied leaders, at that time, feared the Germans would slash to the channel and split our forces.

Not Clear
Whether the assignment would have been made if the high command could have been certain of containing the breakthrough was not clear to those who discussed the matter here.

In retrospect, some Washington military men described the situation thusly:
The Germans, crashing out of their Siegfried line on January 16, surged forward in a westerly and northwesterly direction so rapidly in the first days that the allied command could not be even reasonably certain that the breach could be stopped before he reached the channel. This would have isolated the Canadian first, the British second, the American ninth and the bulk of the American first army from the remainder of the allied expeditionary force in the south.

Make Decision
During these first hectic, uncertain days the allied command decided a separate army group under a single commander should be established.

The new setup also was dictated in some measure by the existing situation. The swift German advance had so disrupted communications that Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, commanding the 12th army group which embraced the first and ninth armies, had no assurance that he could maintain direct communications with or could go to his northern armies. To move his headquarters northward would have entailed several days of transferring communications equipment and other material at a critical time.