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### Weather News

January 8, 1944	
Max. (Jan. 7)	53 Min. .... 30
Precipitation last 24 hours	..... 0.1
Stream year to date	..... 4.35
Normal	..... 5.05 Last year 2.90
Forecast: Overcast.	

## BATTLE REPORT UNCONFIRMED BY AMERICANS

### Tokyo Says 450 Ships Stream Toward Island

By The Associated Press  
Tokyo radio reported today more than 450 American transports "are streaming north towards Luzon" island in the Philippines where Japanese broadcasts said more than 70 warships and swarms of carrier planes bombarded Lingayen gulf, 120 miles north of Manila, continuously for two days.

The Tokyo broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, said that whether the transports would be "poured into Lingayen or in the vicinity of Manila remains a question, but in either case it is a surety that the enemy will play right into the waiting Japanese hands."

### "Hot Reception"

In the two-day duel between warships and shore batteries at Lingayen gulf, Japanese broadcasts said defending batteries gave the American flotilla "the hottest reception ever recorded in the annals of war."

Propaganda broadcasts described the air and naval bombardment as "the enemy's usual tactics preceding a landing" and forecast "Yank assault troops might storm 'the shore at any time.'"

### "Gulf Roared"

"The whole gulf roared with the blasts of gunfire from both sides" throughout Saturday and Sunday, said a frontline dispatch. (Continued on Page Two)

## COLD WAVE BLOWS OVER MIDWEST AREA

By The Associated Press

A new cold wave was blowing in from central Canada to day and forecasters said it would spread over the entire midwest by night and bring zero or lower temperatures to several states, or temperatures below zero in northern Minnesota this morning, almost as frigid in South Dakota and eastern Montana, and slightly below zero in North Dakota.

The cold snap will spread as far eastward as Ohio by tomorrow morning, Howard Kenny (of the Chicago weather bureau) predicted. Only slight snow flurries—no heavy snows or blizzards—are expected to accompany the temperature drop, he said.

### Bundles Up

Minnesota was bundling up for 20 to 30 below in the north-west and 10 to 20 below in the south and east portions tonight. Iowa probably will get 5 to 10. (Continued on Page Two)

## Bombers Blast German Supplies

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP)—More than 700 American heavy bombers escorted by 200 Mustangs hammered German transport factories supplying Nazi troops in the Belgian bulge today.

Making their 18th attack in 17 days on Nazi traffic routes the eighth air force fleet hit freight yards at Frankfurt, then went 150 miles west and smashed road and rail junctions in and around the Ardennes bulge. Rail yards farther south supplying Nazi troops on the Saar front also were attacked.

## Compensation for National Park Losses Eyed by Senate

By JACKSON S. ELLIOTT  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Should states be paid back if the government comes in and takes over lands for national parks or monuments, wiping out chunks of tax income?

President Roosevelt thinks so, as does Secretary of the Interior Ickes. And, in line with their recommendations, Rep. Peterson (D-Fla.) will introduce within the next few days a bill to pay back up to 25 per cent of the revenue from parks, annually, where the state or other taxing unit, loses on the deal. The measure will not be retroactive.

### FDR Sympathetic

In his message vetoing a bill which would have killed the Jackson Hole national monument, Mr. Roosevelt said he would be sympathetic to such tax-loss legislation.

And, in a message to congress last year, which was given little public attention at that time, President Roosevelt proposed that compensation be paid the non-federal taxing units,

such as states, counties, municipalities, etc.

The problem of compensating such taxing units however, is complex, chiefly because in many instances, a county, for instance, while losing tax revenue, might benefit from the federal acquisition.

### Possible Benefits

Such benefits might accrue out of tourist trade to the area of a national park, out of a freedom of responsibility on the part of the county from caring for roads and schools, and out of many other developments incident to the acquisition.

In addition there have been such instances as a county suffering because of a loss of tax lands while a town in an adjoining county but in the same state reaped great benefits because of the population boom.

Since the legislation now being charted would apply only to new parks—it probably will include Jackson Hole, however—there are no figures now available by which income could be estimated, and possible maximum compensation arrived at.

# Nazi Bulge Reduced By Yank First, Third

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, Jan. 8 (AP)—Mile or more advances by the American first and third armies in the worst blizzard of the winter narrowed the waist of the Belgian salient to less than 10 miles tonight and caused Field Marshal Von Rundstedt to speed the withdrawal of his survivors from the western tip of the salient.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army captured five villages and won domination of 15 miles of the St. Vith-Laroche highway, one of the two last escape routes for three crack panzer divisions in the toe of the sock of the bulge. The other road, leading up through Houffalize was under artillery fire from both sides of the salient.

The German diversionary thrust to Strasbourg was described officially as apparently lessened as the allies hurled in counterattacks against German armor which speared north upon the Rhine city from the Colmar pocket. The allies wrested back some of the ground lost eight miles north of the city on the west bank of the Rhine.

### Capture Flamierge

The third army on the south captured Flamierge, only two miles from the last German road leading from Libramont through Houffalize to St. Vith.

American and British assault teams on the 30-mile attack front on the northern side of the bulge kept up their slow, measured gains and the British sixth airborne division, veterans of Normandy, kept three crack German armored divisions tied up in heavy battle at the toe of the sock.

### Yanks Dominate

The highway was under American domination from Vielsalm, north of Salmchateau to a point beyond Dochemps. The hell on wheels 2nd armored division occupied Dochemps itself. The rest of the 15-mile gap.

Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose's third armored division completed the occupation of Joubiaval on the highway three miles west of Salmchateau and fought into nearby Herbronnal.

Rundstedt's flight from the Rochefort area gave a clear indication that the German marshal had abandoned further hope of exploiting his breakthrough of the thinly held first army front in his Christmas offensive.

Resistance was scattered and light at the western tip and many German forces, particularly SS and tank troops, were pulled from contact.

There was evidence that the Germans were building strong defenses farther east around St. Vith to check an allied rearmine composed of 20 divisions in the bulge. Half were panzer or panzer grenadier divisions.

### Interference of Ward Charged

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP)—The government asked the federal court today to restrain Montgomery Ward and company from alleged interference with army operations of 16 company properties in seven cities, contending a situation existed which threatens the outcome of the war.

Hugh B. Cox, assistant solicitor general, began the government arguments for an injunction in the courtroom of Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, packed with leading Chicago lawyers and virtually all the principals in the company-labor-government controversy.

# SEMON HEADS WAYS, MEANS COMMITTEE



Henry Semon, veteran Klamath Falls legislator, assumed the chairmanship of the powerful house ways and means committee in the state legislature.

SALEM, Jan. 8 (AP)—Chairmanship of the powerful house ways and means committee, which controls all state appropriations, went today to a democrat, Rep. Henry Semon of Klamath Falls, Speaker of the House Eugene E. Marsh announced.

It is considered unusual for such an important post to go to a member of a minority party, but Semon, a legislator for the past six sessions, was the most experienced of the men held over from last session's ways and means committee.

Marshall E. Cornett, state senator from Klamath Falls, was appointed chairman of the roads and highways committee of the senate, vice chairman of the forestry committee, and named to the senate's game, irrigation, and resolutions groups.

Rose M. Poole, also of Klamath Falls, was named vice president of the forestry committee, and was appointed to the bills and mailing, game, highways, and livestock committees.

### Motorists Told To Get Stickers

State police issued a warning Monday to all motorists driving cars without the 1945 license sticker.

Deadline for purchasing the 1945 license was January 1. Officers started checking Saturday after giving the public sufficient leeway to obtain the stickers. Those picked up for operating without a vehicle license will be brought into justice court where the average fine is \$5.50, as compared to the license of \$5 from the secretary of state, or \$5.25 if purchased from the secretary of state through the Klamath office.

### Klamath People See Execution

Six Klamath residents witnessed the execution of Robert E. Lee Folkes, negro dining car cook, at the state penitentiary Friday morning, January 5, all returning here this weekend.

### Flying Resumed Briefly at NAS

Flying at the Klamath naval air station, curtailed by heavy fogs since January 1, was resumed for approximately one and one-half hours Sunday afternoon starting at 4 o'clock.

# U.S. TIGHTENS MANPOWER, JOB CONTROL RULES

### Essential Activity List Reviewed by Government

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—To find a way of grinding the job-control and manpower screws tighter, the government is reviewing the entire list of essential activities.

And this may be the result, it appeared today, although no decision has been reached yet:

1. Some activities, now classified as essential, will be dropped from the list.
2. Most activities, now classified as essential, will remain that way.
3. Some activities—such as those munitions industries which badly need manpower—will be listed not only as essential but critical.

### To Essential Work

The whole purpose of this would be to force draft-age men into essential work but particularly into the critical industries.

It would be another step in nailing down the government's intensified effort to stop job-shifting and labor turnover.

### Latest Step

The latest step in that direction came from selective service which told draft boards:

1. To draft men up to 38 if they change jobs without board permission. Lower than usual physical standards will be set for such "job-skippers." How much lower was not divulged.
2. To tighten up on the deferments already granted.

### Memorandum

Selective service said in its memorandum to the boards:

"In applying the tests for occupational deferment for registrants ages 26 through 37, greater consideration will be given to registrants now enrolled."

### Robomb Attacks On U. S. Probable, Warns Admiral

AN EAST COAST PORT, Jan. 8 (AP)—Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, commander-in-chief of the United States Atlantic fleet, said today that enemy robot bomb action against New York and other Atlantic points "is possible and probable within the next 30 or 60 days, but effective steps to meet this threat have been taken."

"If such an attempt is made," Admiral Ingram told a press conference, "it would probably be limited to 10 or 12 bombs. These would not be of the 'block-buster' type. They might strike a building and destroy it, but the casualties would be nothing like those which the people of London are suffering under."



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# SANDMEYER NAMED OUTSTANDING MAN

John Sandmeyer, local insurance agency manager, was designated Klamath's outstanding young man in civic activity in 1944 at the annual Junior chamber of commerce Founders' Day banquet Saturday night.

The honor for Sandmeyer was announced at a well-attended meeting featured by an official visit by Mearns Gates, Pomaroy, Wash., president of the United States Junior chamber.

Sandmeyer has been chairman of the city traffic safety council, director of the Quarterback club, Lion Tamer of the Lions club, vice president of the Junior chamber in charge of external affairs, and has been active in Junior chamber enterprises and the war bond programs. He was master of ceremonies at the Miss Klamath contest finale, and M. C. also at the big Merrill war bond jamboree. He is a member of the Christian church.

### Six Years Here

He came to Klamath Falls six years ago and is manager of the (Continued on Page Two)

# Meteor Reported Seen in Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—Numerous persons in Oregon and southwest Washington today reported seeing a fiery meteor in the southwest sky shortly after 9 o'clock last night.

The meteor probably streaked over southern Oregon or northern California and may have landed far at sea, said J. Hugh Pruett, Eugene astronomer. A great glow of light was sent up when the meteor struck, witnesses said.

### Allied Drive Slugs Ahead

# REDS REPULSE NAZI ATTEMPT TO AID TROOPS

### 90 Tanks Knocked Out By Soviets South Of Danube

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Red army forces again repulsed the German drive to relieve the entrapped Nazi garrison in Budapest, knocking out 90 German tanks south of the Danube, and continued their own advance westward north of the Danube today, Moscow announced tonight.

The German high command declared its counter-offensive northwest of Budapest had gained up to 25 miles and that the garrison of the Hungarian capital was still holding its own.

### Major Operation

Berlin commentators, however, said the "beginning of a major military operation" might be foreshadowed in fighting activity revived in the Surian bridgehead at Baranov and Sandomez where 120 miles south of Warsaw about the Russians several months ago punched to within 35 miles northeast of Krakow.

Russian forces have been ousted from the key Danube bastion of Esztergom by powerful Nazi counterattacks bent on relieving the trapped axis garrison at Budapest, 20 miles to the south, but have registered a 12 1/2-mile gain north of the (Continued on Page Two)

# Alfred Carlson Hurt in Action

S/Sgt. Alfred M. Carlson, who has been through the Tunisian campaign in Africa, who was with the first troops to arrive in Rome, and who continued on to take part in the invasion of southern France with General Patch, has been wounded in action in Germany.

Word of Carlson's injuries was received Saturday night by his sister, Mrs. Fred Goele, Jr., 406 S. Riverside. The war department advised Mrs. Goele that Alfred's wounds were not serious and that information would be forwarded. The action took place December 20.

Carlson went overseas three years ago and has served as a General Sherman tank commander and platoon sergeant. He had just recently been awarded a medal for "heroic achievement in action August 28 at Loriot, France, when a man was wounded some distance from him, Carlson exposed himself to heavy fire in order to reach the casualty. After administering first aid, he carried the wounded man through the hostile fire to an aid station."

### Two Klamath Men Hurt in Action

Official notification that two Klamath men had been wounded in the Mediterranean area was issued Monday by the war department. Next of kin have been advised as to any change in status.

One of the two, 1st Lt. Ronald H. Hutchens, son of Mrs. Lula B. Hutchens, Klamath Falls postoffice employee, suffered shrapnel wounds in the arm while in combat in Italy with the 804th tank destroyer battalion. Since that time he has returned to his outfit, Mrs. Hutchens has been advised.

## Today's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
San Francisco, where these forecasts are written, the weather would be referred to as "north as bracing. Here it call it chilly. Some of the place an adjective before mild. Occasionally the adverb used is unprintable. They don't like chilly weather here."

RIGHT before last the mercury got down to 41 above, which considered unimportant like weather man. That was on San Francisco side. Over on East Bay, in Oakland, it dropped to 34—which, of course, is no end here. We can have unpleasantness with our forefathers if we can just get somebody else is having a little worse.

newspapers dug back into history and disclosed that once in 1888 it went clear down to 29.

AT may all be true enough, but this writer remembers exactly one frigid spell when it seemed clear down to 17 above, and the lakes out in Golden Gate park froze over.

The ice was glassy smooth, when the ducks would come and land on it they'd go over heels in a most serious manner. Believe it or not the first thing they'd do was to recover themselves and to look around to see if anyone was watching. Upon discovering that they had been recovered, they were as chagrined as human beings would have been.

at wasn't as far back as that and it may not have been January—which leaves the newspaper weather researchers clear.

was ahead of general oil heating, which has done so much to make California cities habitable in winter months. The oil had their own plants, and it was their thrifty custom to burn a chip in the furnace for 5 in the afternoon, which would raise the temperature up in the rooms for an hour or so.

when it sank again, there was nothing to do but to bed-and-raise yourself up with everything in sight and hope the sun would be in a kinder mood in the morning. During this particular spell, it was advisable to be on top of whatever you were in the way of cover you had been able to find.

The world is changing, and the old ways are changing with it. In these days when you start a fire by turning a switch—or, better, setting the thermostat and letting it do the work—many of them admit that a little heat is a nice thing to have around in the winter months.

CIGARETTES here may be extremely scarce. They are hard to get for a stranger. Most of the tobacco stores have "cigarettes" signs conspicuously displayed. There are cigarettes in the grocery and drug stores—that is, none are.

People are still laughing over the story of a crowded street car that was heading downtown when it passed a cigarette line in front of a store. The car stopped and the conductor and motorman got into the line.

US writer got caught short today, and bucked the tiger at the tobacco counter of one of the larger hotels.

Are you stopping here?" the pretty girl asked sweetly. Well, at the moment we were going there—stopping right in front of the tobacco stand. So answered, a trifle too sheepishly, it appeared, "yes."

What is your room number?" came back.

That's the trouble with sin, take the first teeny-weeny step along the downward sliding kiddy-your-conscience-with-specious-reasoning-as-telling-yourself-that-you-are-stopping-there-right-in-front-of-her-where-the-poor-bell-ought-to-be-able-to-see-if-it-wasn't-for-her-stigmatized-it-really-doesn't-seem-very-bad.

Are you always get sucked in?

Are you feeling the breath of the hot sun on our neck, we've got on in. It was too late (Continued on Page Four)

### Figures for 6th War Plan Tabulated

Official figures for the 6th War plan drive have been tabulated, Klamath county has again exceeded its quota of 300,000. Total purchases of bonds amounted to \$1,225,375, according to Andrew Collier, Klamath county war chest chairman.

Types of various types of bonds amount to the following: \$1,166,958. \$71,691. \$195,100. \$1,225,375. \$394,650. \$75,000. \$381,000. \$280,000.

### Crash Kills Two Pilots Near Bend

PORTLAND, Jan. 8 (AP)—A plane crash 10 miles southeast of Bend Saturday was fatal to Lt. Max R. Smith, Eugene, and Capt. Ralph A. Thiesens, Hamburg, Fla. Col. S. B. Knowles Jr., Portland airbase commander, reported today.

The B-T-13 plane was on a routine training flight from the Redmond army airfield. Rugged terrain delayed a searching party from reaching the scene until late yesterday.