

PUSH FLATTENS BELGIAN BULGE

By FRANK JENKINS
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11 — The new accounts of the... of Luzon, as this is written... still paint a rosy picture... taken some 400 square... of territory—giving us the... of elbow room from which... a terrific punch when... and good ready. At least... airfield is in our pos... We're probably building... at high speed.

Japs are rushing up reinforcements from the south... to the guess that they... have been too uncertain as... landing plans to risk try... to have men and guns ready... WHEREVER we... choose... to locate strategic reserves... to be rushed to what... beach we might finally

are heartening accounts... planes blasting long lines... men and equipment on... way north to Lingayen. It... likely that the big battle... come at the Agno river... circles our beachhead and... across all the roads leading... to Manila. It is generally... deep to ford, and it is to... to destroy the bridges. Our... of course, can... build more bridges.

shouldn't be misled by the... early note of the early... which tell only of Jap... to fight at the beaches... give us no word of Ameri... losses—other than a vague... that we have lost some

isn't be fooled. Plenty of... are dying already. We... must die. War is never a... And while the Jap may... have fought very hard so far... Luzon, he WILL fight hard... high sooner or later. We... we've had too much experi... with him to be justified in... ing otherwise.

fighting on Luzon—that... is the early part of it—will... a different kind. The count... down to Manila is open, flat... well supplied with roads... rail lines. There is room... for tank maneuvering. We... we have fought the little... man chiefly in dense... We'll find out now what... of open country fighter he

ERE are two things strong... in our favor. One is the... fact that MacArthur... knows the terrain he is... ing in. He is familiar with... road and trail. The maps... his possession are complete... detailed, and he can trust... for Americans made... in the years when our... was in the Philippines. Even... more important, he has... sympathy of the Filipino... and the active aid of... guerrillas. Even in... that is no minor mat... there are reported to be... two million of these guer... fighters in Luzon alone. We... got out first look at the... (Continued on Page Three)

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ouis C. Stillwell, carpenter... was wounded in action... on duty with the navy, ac... to word received here... the war department. Any... in status has been for... to next of kin.

illwell's wife, Virginia Sally... resides at Bly as do his... Mr. and Mrs. Fred W... formerly of Klamath... The navy man is a former... of Ivory Pine. The... is employed by that firm... the present time.

igher Wages in Place of... Work-Fight Bill Requested
ASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—... was called upon today... substitute higher industrial... for pending work-or-fight... bill.

Or does it think keeping wages... frozen at low levels in certain... plants is more important?
Speaking for the socialist... party, Albert Hamilton, 31, of... Virginia, Va., expressed "absolute... opposition" to pending draft... proposals. Hamilton said his... committee that breaking the... Steel wage formula... the best means of solving... power problems.

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Planes Pound Reich After Record Fight With Nazi Luftwaffe

LONDON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Almost 1300 American bombers and fighters from Britain pounded four railroad yards in southern Germany without interference from German fighters today, following yesterday's large-scale battles in which 243 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

The daylight blow by 600 Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by 875 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, was aimed at Frieberg, Augsburg, Ingolstadt and Reutlingen, all important links on the rail routes which the Germans use to shift troops.

Shortly after the American attacks, British four-engine Lancasters drove home two more assaults in the newly launched aerial offensive on German fuel sources with a daylight attack on two benzol plants at Bochum and Recklinghausen in the Ruhr.

The American operation apparently was an emergency shift from the offensive on oil centers, 10 of which now have been battered over the weekend by 3000 or more bombers.

Record Battle
More than 6000 planes, including tactical units based on the continent, unleashed a large coordinated attack beginning Saturday night. Eighth air force Mustangs and Thunderbolts fought a record battle Sunday against the German air force—up in force for the first time since New Year's day.

Eighth air force fighters shot down 155 fighters, a record for one day. Among destroyed German planes were four MS-262 jet-propelled fighters.

Eight on Ground
Supreme headquarters in Paris said the grand total of enemy aircraft shot down for the day was 235, plus eight more destroyed on the ground.

Allied losses were 62 planes, including 19 American heavy bombers, 15 British heavies and 12 American fighters.

State Senator Warren G. Hooper, found shot to death in his car near his Albion, Mich., home. Police, searching for his killer, hinted that his testimony in Michigan's one-man grand jury investigation may have caused his death.

Washington, Jan. 15 (AP)—American losses from December 15 to January 7 in the German counter-offensive are slightly under 40,000, including 18,000 reported missing.

Secretary of War Stimson made the announcement today, saying that during the same period the Germans suffered overall losses of 90,000.

In addition to approximately 40,000 prisoners, Stimson estimated Germans killed and wounded totaled 50,000.

On the entire western front losses for the first, third, seventh and ninth armies during the December 15-January 7 period totaled 52,594, including 4083 killed, 27,645 wounded, and 20,868 missing.

Stimson described these figures as preliminary and said that it will be some time before an accurate accounting. The majority of the 18,000 listed as missing are presumed to be prisoners.

Athens, Jan. 15 (AP)—A truce ending hostilities between the leftwing Elass militia and British troops went into effect today.

600-Mile Front Blazes; GI's Cross Agno River

REDS BATTLE NAZIS ALONG EASTERN AREA

LONDON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Battles are sweeping the entire 600 miles of the eastern front from Budapest in Hungary to Memel on the Baltic, the German high command said today, with the Russians launching new offensives in Poland and East Prussia.

The German communique said the Russians had opened the "big winter battle between the Carpathians and Memel."

Storm Westward
Altogether, the Russians were storming westward in seven different sectors.

New soviet attacks, sprung following drumfire artillery barrages, were launched in Poland from Russian bridgeheads at Pulawy and Varka south of Warsaw, from the Vistula-Bug triangle north of Warsaw, and Narw bridgeheads south of East Prussia, the Germans said.

Added Blows
In addition the Russians were attacking between Ebenrode and Schloberg in East Prussia, toward Krakow in southern Poland and in southern Slovakia north of Budapest.

The Germans admitted that Marshal Ivan S. Konev's offensive in southern Poland had forced a strong bridgehead over the Nida where last night's Moscow communique announced a penetration to within 64 miles of Germany's Silesian border and 32 miles from Krakow, ancient Polish capital.

While the Russians had not yet confirmed the launching of (Continued on Page Three)

CHILDREN INJURED AS CAR HITS HORSE

MALIN—Three children were injured, one seriously, when a horse they were riding late Sunday night was struck by a car operated by Willis Hodge, 33, about one and one-half miles east of Malin.

In Klamath Valley hospital in Klamath Falls are Ruth Howe, 15, and her 6-year-old brother John. Ruth submitted to surgery Monday morning for the amputation of a part of her right foot including the big toe. In addition she has an injured right knee and multiple bruises. John received a broken right leg and Billy, 8, was thrown from the horse and sustained severe bruises.

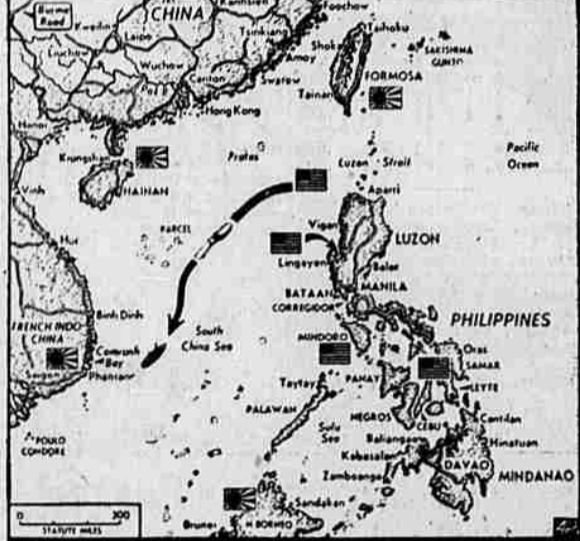
Returning Home
The three are children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howe. Their father farms the Mike Turpin Murphy place near here. Ruth and her brothers had been to a show at Malin and were going home on horseback, Ruth seated in the middle with John in front and Billy in back.

Hodge said he was driving in (Continued on Page Three)

Missing In Action
Pvt. Ben F. Pernigotti, 32, has been reported missing in action since December 21, according to word received by his wife from the war department. Pvt. Pernigotti was with the infantry in Germany, and has been in the army since January 6 of last year.

Pernigotti was owner of the Klamath Sign company here for about 12 years before going into the service. His wife, Mrs. Vivian Pernigotti, 2419 Reclamation, is secretary to John Houston, local insurance man.

Air-Naval Battle Off French Indo-China



An air and naval battle accounted for 38 Jap ships sunk or damaged off the coast of French Indo-China. Japanese warships were escorting reinforcements to the Philippines, where Americans have invaded Luzon in the Lingayen area. The U. S. navy announced that Pacific fleet carrier planes had attacked the enemy off the Indo-China coast between Saigon and Camranh bay—Japanese bases. (AP wirephoto map).

Superforts Blast Japanese On Formosa, Honshu Isles

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—America's heavyweights of the air, B-29s, boldly struck Japan with another one-two attack yesterday.

While one fleet of Superfortresses bombed the fortress island of Formosa, main link to the beleaguered Philippines, another force blasted the home island of Honshu.

The two daylight strikes—each with upwards of 100 planes taking part—were carried out without a single loss to enemy action, the war department reported.

Japanese broadcasts said the target of the Honshu raiders was Nagoya, vital aircraft center. An imperial communique read over the Tokyo radio claimed nine of the Superforts were shot down and 34 damaged over Honshu.

Meanwhile, it was learned that General H. H. "Hap" Arnold wants his air forces to feel that they no longer are merely "air support" but have become "an arm of war" themselves.

He has asked all air force personnel to drop reference to "air support" in favor of a more fitting description such as "air coordination."

Biddle Asks Bill To Wipe Out Black Markets

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Attorney General Francis Biddle proposed to congress today the enactment of legislation to wipe out so-called black markets in the sale of railroad tickets.

Chairman McCarran (D-NeV.) said Biddle told a closed session of the senate judiciary committee he would send up a bill aimed at "black markets" generally.

This legislation, McCarran said, would make it a criminal offense to "split money" with purchasers of tickets or of any services or commodities at above ceiling prices.

YANKS SWEEP OVER LUZON; JAPS SCATTER

By C. YATES McDANIEL
GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Jan. 15 (AP)—U. S. sixth army troops crossed the formidable but virtually undefended Agno river 88 miles from Manila and overran scattered Japanese to expand their Lingayen gulf beachhead 30 miles to a total of 45, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

The infantrymen in their fifth day of the invasion hurled the Agno, where the enemy had been expected to make a stand, at Bayambang, 22 miles from the gulf. They continued south at a pace limited only by the ability of supply columns to keep up with them.

Mangatarem Taken
Mangatarem was captured by the westernmost spearhead in an eight-mile advance brushing through two enemy skirmishing parties of 150 men each. The eastern flank had more difficult going but approached Catibman, 20 road miles inland, in a five-mile gain.

On this front the Yanks ran into small arms and artillery fire from an enemy position of foxholes and dugouts. Eighty-two Japanese and a few Americans were killed.

Junction Included
Extension of the beachhead took in the important rail and highway junction of Damortis (Continued on Page Three)

EX-WIFE ADMITS SLASHING INDIAN

Francis Silvers, Klamath Indian, is in Hillside hospital where he is being treated for multiple knife wounds which Special Indian Officer John Arkel said Silvers' ex-wife, Loretta Kirk, admitted inflicting during an altercation at her home late Saturday night.

Silvers was moved to Klamath Agency hospital where he received first aid and later was transferred to Hillside by Ward's ambulance. The man has seven major wounds on his body including a 10-inch slice along the left side at the eighth rib, a cut from the back of the neck across the left side of the throat, a badly lacerated right arm and cuts on the left arm. His condition is reported "good" by the attending physician.

Arkel said late Monday that no arrests had been made, pending investigation. The officer reported four others at the Kirk house, located on the south side of Chiloquin, at the time of the quarrel. Arkel reported Loretta as saying she (Continued on Page Three)

Legislature to Consider Controversial Freeway Bill

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.
SALEM, Jan. 15 (AP)—The controversial freeway bill, which would allow the state highway commission to prohibit access to state highways, will be introduced by the senate roads and highways committee at the request of the Portland chamber of commerce and the Oregon Roadside council, Committee Chairman Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls, said today.

The bill would permit the highway commission, when it buys rights-of-way for new roads, to buy the right of access, and thus prevent gas stations, lunch counters and other commercial developments from being built along the highways.

"The object of the bill," State Engineer R. H. Baldoock said, "is to eliminate the serious traffic hazards that result from so many drivers entering and leaving the highways at these gas stations and lunch counters."

"The bill is needed mostly near cities, because in the wide open spaces there aren't many such developments."

FIRST NEARS HOUFFALIZE DEFENSE POST

Fog, Snow Slows Pace Of Allied Army Blows

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Jan. 15 (AP)—The American first army drove within a kilometer (about two-thirds of a mile) today of the communications center of Houffalize, pivot of a new improvised German defense line in the flattening Belgian bulge.

Heavy fog, a blinding snowstorm and a sharp drop in the freezing temperatures slowed the pace of three solidly linked allied armies elsewhere, and again grounded tactical air forces late in the day. Clear weather during the morning had permitted some planes to attack the Germans on the southern part of the salient.

Drive Nearest
The famous "hell on wheels" second armored division drove closest to Houffalize, striking from the north. Third army troops were a bare three miles south of the town, and British and Americans were last reported a little more than three miles away from the west.

Other first army troops moved within six and a half miles of St. Vith, northern anchor of the new German arc line spread from Wiltz northwest to Houffalize and thence northeast to St. Vith.

Establish Contact
The first and third armies established contact southeast of (Continued on Page Three)

OFFICERS SEARCH FOR MURDER MOTIVE

Klamath county law enforcement officers continued to search for a motive in the slaying of John Rathiel Ewing, whose body was found at the side of the highway near the Kalpine plant Friday afternoon.

Ewing died at 5:04 p. m. Friday, without regaining consciousness.

Autopsy Conducted
Dr. George H. Adler, Klamath county coroner, conducted an autopsy on Ewing's body at Ward's funeral home Saturday afternoon and removed two bullets, one from the head, the other from the chest. The bullets were sent to the crime laboratory at the University of Oregon school of medicine, Portland, where Dr. Joseph Beeman will be asked to identify the slugs.

Officers were unable to determine whether the bullets came from a small calibre rifle or a pistol.

Investigating police discounted the robbery theory as they traced Ewing's activities since his arrival here a few days before (Continued on Page Three)

Robert Puckett Held By Nazis

1st. Lt. Robert Puckett, U. S. army air corps, reported missing December 19, is now a prisoner of war in Germany, according to word received late Saturday by the flyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Puckett of Tullake.

Young Puckett, who was 23 years old December 24, was first pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress. Action in which he was reported missing took place over Germany on November 30. The airman's wife and young son, Douglas John, reside at the Puckett home in Tullake.

A similar bill failed in the 1941 session when representatives from rural areas protested it would prevent farmers from having access to highways. This bill, said the sponsors, would not hurt the farmers.

Investigation Bill
The resolution to investigate the Waterfall and Frazier liquor purchase and the state liquor commission, which was passed by the senate last Friday, reached the house today. No action was taken, because no effort was made to suspend the rules and consider it immediately. It was referred to the house alcoholic control committee.



Pvt. Ben F. Pernigotti