

RUSSIANS REACH SILESIAN LINE

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Weather News

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Max. (Jan. 17)	34	Min.	20
Precipitation last 24 hours	.09		
Stream year to date	4.84		
Normal	5.70	Last year	2.90

Forecast: Snow flurries.

News

By FRANK JENKINS

FRANCISCO, Jan. 15—As the days begin to lengthen, war news, which had turned toward the year's end, grows lately better.

RUNDSTEDT is pulling out of the dangerously deep into our line in the West. It looks as if he may be able to clear back to where he started from—meanwhile he has lost some 150,000 to 200,000 men.

The situation stands this morning. It appears that for the time being he has not only a few months of delay, but a good deal of time, after a temporary discomfiture, is putting the squeeze on the little man.

Important point is now becoming apparent: HELD Von Rundstedt's army without being compelled to materially our positions here points. On the Roer, Cologne, we're still about where we were when the cyclone came. We've been pushed back down in Alsace, but not to count much in the end. We've lost no strategic points of prime importance, our supply lines are still intact.

After all, the thing that will win the war is KILLING MUCH GERMAN'S. We're not only a few months of delay, but a good deal of time, after a temporary discomfiture, is putting the squeeze on the little man.

While the Russians have gone into action—and it seems little doubt that they are striking eastward toward German Silesia, and it is no great stretch of the imagination to see this particular part of their offensive aimed around the Czechoslovakian mountain barrier into Silesia is Germany's most important industrial area. Czechoslovakia is a live German slave war industry. So is southwest Poland, which is an immensely important area of German war industry.

There are strong intimations that this is written (although it has been in direct disarray) that the reds are starting the final push to cut off East Asia. If they run true to it, they will outflank this extended German bulge by pushing in the Vistula from Warsaw, rather than by direct frontal assault.

U may adhere to the BEWARE OF RUSSIA school of thought. Consider this fact: Russia has announced her intention to take all of eastern Poland (eastward from the so-called Curzon line). She has made this accomplished fact by setting up puppet Polish government.

return for the territory taken, she has promised the part or perhaps all of East Asia and considerable parts of German Silesia. This is the point: Russia has a sound, definite plan of her own for taking Poland and Silesia. Reason is making good her case to the Poles. The Poles propose setting up will be better for her. INST GERMAN—(or any other) (Continued on Page Two)

Months Charged with Car Thefts

Left of a Buick car from Klamath Falls, lined up with other Buicks from Roseburg, Eugene and Medford, solved Thursday with the last night at Roseburg of Grants Pass boys, two 15-olds and Calvin Wilkinson.

Many Die In Chicago Fire



Smoke billows upward from the seven-story General Clark hotel in Chicago as firemen in Clark street play streams of water on the blaze. At least 11 persons were killed and 12 or more injured. (AP Wirephoto).

Roosevelts Didn't Request Priority for Dog, Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said today that neither Col. Elliott Roosevelt nor the White House had asked for an air priority for a dog which displaced three service men from an army cargo plane.

Early termed the whole affair "a most regrettable combination of errors." The dog was sent to Colonel Roosevelt's wife, Actress Faye Emerson in Hollywood. When Elliott merely left a request, he said, that the dog be ferried to the coast if any empty bomber were going across the country sometime. The colonel left Washington to return to overseas duty with the army air force.

Italian Given Year's Probation

Otto Ferroni, Italian, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon in connection with his attack upon Bruce Stepe in November, changed his plea of not guilty to guilty before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg on Thursday morning.

Green Leaves for Hospital After Visiting Father Here

Flight Officer Earl W. Green, son of Marion Green of 137 Mill, leaves Sunday to report to Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., after a three weeks' visit with his father, California Oregon Power company powerhouse foreman.



FO Earl W. Green

Britons Push Into Germany

YANKS SWEEP OVER LUZON, NEAR TARLAC

Troops Win Balinao After Short Skirmish

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 18 (AP)—Gains right and left, of the expanded Lingayen gulf beachhead were reported by Gen. MacArthur today as his main spearheads pointing toward Manila approached the important city of Tarlac, fighting nothing much worse than mosquitoes and heat.

On the right the Yanks advanced 17 miles up the thumb-like Balinao peninsula to capture the city of Balinao, at the northern end, after a short skirmish with a weak enemy rear guard.

Extends Beachhead The western part of the drive extended the Lingayen gulf beachhead to approximately 60 miles.

On the left flank the sixth army cut the main Luzon-Baguio highway in two places and sent patrols into Pozorrubio, around which the most stubborn resistance of the invasion has been encountered.

One Yank column was last reported only a half mile from Rosario, moving eastward along a road which joins the main highway two miles beyond the town.

The command was split by Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's December offensive and the northern part of his forces, including the ninth and most of the first army, was placed under command of British Field Marshal Montgomery.

San Francisco closed today, bringing the total either partially or wholly shut down to well past 250 of the city's 500 markets, and hotels, restaurants and hospitals reported that fish, poultry and eggs were increasingly hard to get.

San Francisco municipal authorities appealed to the war food administration to include meat for 4000 patients in municipally-owned hospitals in the "set aside" for war purposes, while the WFA indicated civilian supplies of poultry would slump even further by notifying the industry that the army demands for fowl would spiral upward during the next six months.

3rd Army Hits Into Flattened Ardennes Area

PARIS, Jan. 18 (AP)—British troops advanced almost three miles into Germany today to near Hongen, center of a rich district jutting into the Dutch panhandle.

U. S. third army troops stormed across the Sure river near Diekirch, 15 miles north of Luxembourg city, in a new assault upon the base of the flattened Ardennes salient, and advanced up to two miles.

American first army troops picked up yardage in the slush leading to St. Vith, last Belgian road center in German hands. They were closer than four miles and gaining along the main road northwest of the town in the Reicht sector.

Allied advances were costing heavily. December was the bloodiest month of the invasion and 74,788 Americans were killed, wounded or missing in that month. From the June 6 D-Day to January 1, American casualties totaled 332,912, of which 54,562 were killed, 232,672 wounded and 45,678 missing on the entire western front.

The British offensive from the Meuse (Meuse) river toward the Roer overran at least five more villages and was widened to a 28-mile curving front from Gellenkirchen to Roermond.

A German broadcast said British troops landed on Schouwen-Island just north of Walcheren, in Holland at dawn yesterday.

Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's columns slicing across the hook-shaped tip of Germany northeast of Sittard advanced up to 2000 yards before dusk while other troops rolled up gains of 1000 yards elsewhere on the widening front.

German opposition was bitter. So was the weather. Fog still hampered air support and curtailed visibility. Thaw-melting snow.

One British force drove nearly a mile forward from newly captured Eicht close to Schilberg, 3 1/2 miles northeast of Maaeyck, and captured Oude Roostern, just north of fallen Dieters. Also captured were Overhoven, Susteren and Overend.

A German counterattack on the Susteren-Maaeyck was sharply repulsed.

KLAMATH, LAKE COURTS STAND BY PROTESTS

Exchange of 17,000 Acres Opposed By Groups

Klamath and Lake county courts today stood firmly on their protests against a proposed 17,000-acre land exchange between Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company of Bend and the U. S. forest service.

At a conference yesterday, the courts rejected, temporarily at least, a plea from Huntington Taylor of WPB that their protests be withdrawn on this particular transaction while they proceed to thresh out the general issues.

Under the proposed transaction, the company has offered the 17,000 acres, partially cut, to the forest service, in exchange for national forest timber of equal value.

It was announced after yesterday's meeting that County Judge (Continued on Page Two)

Housing Project Approved by FHA

Congressman Lowell Stockman wired The Herald and News today that a 50-unit housing project for Klamath Falls, to cost \$155,000, has been approved by the federal housing authority.

FHA offices at Seattle will advertise for bids and proceed with construction, he said.

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Charles Stark said he believed the project referred to by Stockman would be for civilian families. The navy, he said, is working on a plan for additional housing for military families.

Reds Near German Border

Capture of Czesochowa brought the Russians to within 15 miles of the German border, as soviet troops to the north pushed forward from captured Warsaw to take Piotrkow. Broken black line indicates the front lines of a few days ago, before red armies smashed ahead to menace the German fatherland.

CHURCHILL, STALIN AGREE ON BALKANS

By JAMES F. KING LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill in a war review which ranged from Balkan politics to all the fighting theaters of the world told the house of commons today that the present Russian drive was part of a coordinated victory plan to keep all fronts "in constant flame until the final climax."

He gave American fighting men complete credit for stopping the "costly sortie" by Field Marshal Von Rundstedt on the west and he once again endorsed the allied demand for the unconditional surrender of Germany and Japan.

Churchill said he and Marshal Stalin had reached an agreement on dealing with the Balkans to prevent future wars, but that this agreement did not divide Europe into spheres of influence after the war.

Again he challenged the house to another vote of confidence on his policy in liberated lands, declaring that Britain would pursue a war-time policy of interference in middle Europe so long as he held office.

FDR Informed President Roosevelt had been kept informed of the exchanges (Continued on Page Two)

Crash Holds Up Highway Traffic

A truck and trailer, stuck fast in the snow across the highway three miles north of Fort Klamath, was hit by a second vehicle and traffic was held up for several hours early Thursday.

State highway department crews were still working in the early afternoon to permit motorists to continue over the snow packed stretch of The Dalles-California highway.

No one was injured in the collision which occurred at about 11 a. m. highway men reported. The truck and trailer, northbound from Fort Klamath on Highway 97, failed to get traction on the icy stretch and slid directly across the roadbed.

A second car, southbound, was unable to avoid hitting the truck as it moved down the hill.

Forts Hit Nazi Rail Center

LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP)—A small force of Flying Fortresses today bombed Kaiserlautern, an important German rail yard behind the Saar front.

One hundred Mustang fighters and 100 B-17's also made a tactical attack on a rail center west of Mannheim, about 30 miles behind the German lines.

RAF bombers returned to the Magdeburg with a new load of explosives just before dawn today and found the city still ablaze from the previous night's attack.

Semon Formally Presented With Equipment for Duties

SALEM, Jan. 18 (AP)—Rep. Henry Semon, Klamath Falls, was presented formally with proper equipment to carry out his duties as a member of the house health and public morals committee at the opening of the afternoon house session today.

The equipment is one step ladder marked for "high transoms" and "low transoms" and inscribed with Semon's name and position; and one periscope.

Rep. Harvey Wells, Portland, made the presentation, designating Semon as "chairman of the subcommittee on morals of the Marion hotel," where many legislators stay.

Semon said he presumed that "all members of the house are of high moral character, so I will commence my keyhole investigations outside the rooms of members of the senate."

Semon, a potato grower and chairman of the important house ways and means committee, is ribbed frequently by his fellow legislators.

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RED ADVANCE WINS STRONG NAZI SECTORS

Berlin Admits Troops 'Disengaging' In Poland

LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The German radio tonight announced that Russian troops had reached the German border of Silesia and that Volksturm units already had gone into action to defend the fatherland soil.

Shortly after this disclosure, Marshal Stalin announced Marshal Ivan Konev's Russians had captured Piotrkow, 24 miles southeast of Lodz, "Poland's Pittsburgh."

The Berlin radio said: "The brave men of the upper Silesia Volksturm have re- (Continued on Page Two)

STATES SQUABBLE OVER LIQUOR DEAL

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18 (AP)—The legislatures of the states of Oregon and Washington, partners in a liquor deal in 1943, were exchanging chilly stares today over the politics which might or might not be involved in proposed investigations of the deal.

A resolution for an Oregon legislative committee does not bind it to cooperate with Washington investigators. The Washington state house set up a committee with the thought of a joint investigation with Oregon.

A report from Salem said some Oregon legislators felt the strongly democratic Washington committee "intends merely to embarrass the republican administration" which was in power in 1943.

Retorted Rep. H. C. Armstrong (D-King), chairman of the Washington committee: "If the Oregon group does not wish to cooperate, it would give us grounds to believe that it intends to whitewash the deal."

But Armstrong's group got a bid of assistance from the state senate here at home when five of its liquor committee members were named to assist in the investigation.

