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In The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland

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Man Held in Slaying

Germans Form Line Against 7th Army Push

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, Jan. 19 (AP)—The Germans burst out of the northern end of the Rhine bridgehead above Strasbourg today and linked up with other forces in northeast Alsace, forming a solid front against the U. S. 7th army along 40 miles of the Maginot line as far west as Bitch.

The situation on the southern front was regarded at supreme headquarters as increasingly grave. Into this potential springboard for another big attack, the enemy was pouring a steady stream of reinforcements over ferries and pontoon bridges, thrown across the Rhine from Strasbourg to Karlsruhe.

In northern Luxembourg, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army was on the move again under fire of Siegfried line big guns after breaking the German Sure river line. The Americans were pressing the enemy back against the Sauer river boundary within six miles of heavily fortified Trier. His latest advances ranged to two miles or better. The third army men fought in white camouflage suits, blending with the deep snow.

British troops driving into Germany from the Dutch pannerland west of the Maas (Meuse) pushed the enemy back two more miles and captured six villages northeast of Sittard. These were Hogen, Havert and Schalbruck, all inside Germany and Stein, Lind and Heide. They battered into Isenbruch where bitter street fighting progressed. The towns are within 38 miles of the great Rhine city of Dusseldorf.

Win Schilberg
The British also captured Schilberg, on the reich border farther north, and nearby Hingen. The Germans continued to fall back under steadily mounting pressure.

The American first army drove through wind lashed snows for substantial gains along the curving 40-mile front contracting about St. Vith, last Belgian road center (Continued on Page Two)

Seizure of the key town on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's left flank opened the northern section of the main Manila-Bagui highway to the Yanks.

Win Junction
Meantime an American column 10 miles south along the same vital highway three captured the road and railroad junction of Paniqui in a five-mile gain and pressed on toward the important city of Tarlac, 70 miles from Manila. Another (Continued on Page Two)

Army, Navy Lend 16,000 Men to Fill Labor Gaps

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—A high government official said today that the army and navy have lent some 16,000 men capable of combat duty to fill labor gaps in critical war production.

These men, adding up to more than a full division of troops, went from uniforms to overalls to work on such items as tires, copper and foundry products.

The official, who could not be quoted by name, characterized the present production situation as akin to that in 1942 when the nation was straining at every seam to boost the flow of munitions to the war zone.

Contention
There is contention in congress that the need for war workers can be met on a voluntary rather than compulsory basis.

But a resurvey of manpower requirements was reported to have prompted President Roosevelt to ask legislators Wednesday to speed enactment of a pending bill to make deferred draft registrants from 18 to 45 subject to penalties if they refuse to accept essential jobs. Mr. Roosevelt had said previously he didn't think the voluntary methods would work.

The army and navy have estimated that 600,000 additional men are needed for overseas duty by June 30, while 1,000,000 replacements are trained.

But first of all they want back in the fighting ranks the 16,000 men they have had to muster out temporarily to fill critical jobs. Reports that these men receive both army and civilian pay has caused some dissatisfaction among the ranks of buddies left in uniform.

Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the fleets, estimated that a minimum of 300,000 new munitions workers are needed. An official said this was due in part to swift changes in the production program in recent weeks.

Only One Serving
Since then six women have been employed as city mail carriers, Hawkins said, but at the present time Miss Phelps is the only one serving.

There are now 12 city carriers and two parcel post deliverers here, Hawkins stated, along with two mounted routes and three rural carriers. The post office needs one city carrier, one special delivery messenger with a car, and one postal clerk, Hawkins concluded. Any persons interested in these positions should apply at the Klamath postoffice.

GN BRAKEMAN QUIZZED IN EWING CASE

Archie Davig Jailed For Investigation In Murder

Archie O. Davig, 42-year-old Great Northern brakeman, was being held in the Klamath county jail Friday for investigation in connection with the slaying of John Rathiel Ewing.

Davig's arrest followed a report from a criminologist to the effect that bullets taken from Ewing's body were shot from a gun admittedly owned by Davig, according to Sheriff Lloyd Low.

Davig was arrested at 10:20 a. m. today by sheriff's officers and state police as he emerged from Ward's Klamath Funeral home with Ewing's son, Everett, and the dead man's two brothers, Reuben and James.

Attendants at Ward's said that Davig had viewed the remains of Ewing whose funeral was held at 2 o'clock today.

Slaying Week Old
Arrest of Davig came just exactly one week after Ewing's bullet-riddled form was found three miles southwest of Klamath Falls near the Kalpine plant, when officers investigated a hit-and-run report. Ewing died at 4:04 p. m. Friday, January 12, from fatal wounds.

Sheriff Lloyd L. Low reported that officers were looking for Davig and had learned the man was going to the funeral parlor.

"As we drove up," the sheriff said, "we saw Davig and the three Ewing men come out of Ward's."

Name On Paper
Low said that Davig's name and address was found on a slip of paper in Ewing's clothing. State police and sheriff's officers contacted Davig while he was at work the night of Ewing's death. Davig admitted knowing Ewing in Edgemont, S. D., and also at Alliance, Neb.

Sheriff Low said Davig told officers that he had met Ewing at the Klamath Billiards early in the afternoon of Wednesday, January 10. The two men had been at different beer parlors drinking during the day and at 7 p. m. Ewing asked Davig for his car to move personal effects from one hotel to another. Davig said he did not know the names of the hotels.

Ewing knew where the car was parked, Davig told police, as the two men were together when he, Davig, had left the car in front of the Masonic temple on Klamath avenue. Ewing took the machine, according to Davig, and not until 9 p. m. that night was the car located. Davig said (Continued on Page Two)

Straight Shooters Aid March of Dimes



Four third-graders at Riverside, members of the Straight Shooters club, turned the entire treasury of the organization over to the March of Dimes this week. Left to right, Bobby Simmonds, Norman Fitzgerald, David Brandness and James McClure.

Straight Shooters Donate Treasury to March of Dimes

The entire treasury of the Straight Shooters club has been turned over to the March of Dimes.

Exactly \$1.60, earned by four third-graders at Riverside, was dropped in the March of Dimes jar, dime by dime, as the quartet watched their savings go to what they considered the worthiest cause of all.

The Straight Shooters club, made up of Norman Fitzgerald, James McClure, Bobby Simmonds and David Brandness, decided some time ago to earn money for the infantile paralysis fund. They stacked wood, sold bottles, and managed to find jobs in their Rogers street neighborhood. When the staggering sum of \$1.60 was reported by the treasurer, it was simple to divide. Each member received four dimes and tucked them in his jean's pocket to take to school.

The Straight Shooters now have another goal. They're going to earn money for the Red Cross and hope to have enough in the spring to make as good a showing as in the March of Dimes.

Sinatra Makes 'Em Swoon---But Oh, Victor!

PORTLAND, Jan. 19 (AP)—It isn't only Frank Sinatra and the bobby-soxers.

A middle-aged woman emerged from the theatre where Victor Mature was appearing. "I've seen him!" she shouted. "I've seen my idol!" She walked into the lobby's ornamental fish pond, waded out, knocked over a war bond booth, and disappeared dreamily into the street.

Nazi Casualties Reach 120,000

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, PARIS, Jan. 19 (AP)—The Germans suffered 120,000 casualties from December 12-January 11 in their offensive to split the allied front in the Ardennes, supreme headquarters announced today.

Allied casualties, predominantly American, were 55,421 during the same period. Of these, 18,416 were lost as prisoners.

Supreme headquarters announced yesterday that American casualties during December were 73,788. This covered a different period, however, including the first 16 days of December in which fighting occurred in the Saar and on the Roer river before Cologne. It did not extend into the first 11 days of January when 30 American divisions were flattening out the salient.

Muzzle Put on Dog Puzzle; Representative Wants Facts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—The muzzle was on today in the mystery of who assigned Col. Elliott Roosevelt's dog an airplane priority ahead of three servicemen, but Rep. Miller (D-Calif.) had hopes of getting the facts.

Miller stepped into the case because one of the servicemen affected is a constituent, Seaman Leon LeRoy of Antioch, Calif.

The congress member asked Secretary of War Stimson for a "complete report on why the servicemen (with "C" priorities) had to get off a cargo plane of the air transport command to make way for high priority freight while the dog (with an "A" priority) was flown on.

"No Comment"
At ATC headquarters, a reporter's questions as to who asked the priority, who assigned it, etc., drew only, "no comment."

But Gen. Harold L. George of the ATC had said after a preliminary investigation that "an error of judgment" had been made, an error that won't happen again. His aides said the ATC did not intend to discuss the matter further.

LeRoy, who has been serving overseas, was on his way home to his father's funeral when he and the other two men were "bumped off" the plane at Memphis January 11.

Gift to Wife
The dog, a handsome English mastiff named "Blaze," was the gift of the president's second son to his bride, actress Faye Emerson of Hollywood.

Weather News

January 19, 1945
Max. (Jan. 19) 34 Min. 14
Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
Stream year to date 4.84
Normal 5.77 Last year 2.90
Forecast: Clear.

LODZ TAKEN; REDS 30 MILES INSIDE REICH

Polish Capital Won By Soviet Troops

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP)—The red army rolled roughshod over broken German defenses today, capturing Poland's second city of Lodz and its ancient capital of Krakow, driving 30 miles into East Prussia for its greatest penetration of the reich.

Leczyca, 30 miles northwest of Lodz and only 238 miles from Berlin, also fell in the widespread sweep, proclaimed by Marshal Stalin's five orders of the day.

New Offensives
Marshal Stalin announced the looting of two more offensives in East Prussia and in the Carpathians of southern Poland. Developments were:

1. Central Russian forces captured Lodz, 70 miles west of Warsaw and 250 miles from Berlin.

2. Complete liberation of Budapest was foreshadowed by withdrawal of the German garrison to the west side of the Danube in the Hungarian capital.

Carpathian Attack
3. Stalin, in an order of the day, disclosed that a new offensive, the fourth of the series of gigantic winter operations, had lanced forward 50 miles on a front of 38 miles in the Carpathians. It seized Gorlice, 65 miles southeast of Krakow; Jaslo, 15 miles northeast of Gorlice, and 400 other towns, and forged the Wisloka and Dunajec rivers.

4. Stalin's second order of (Continued on Page Two)

CHURCHILL POLICY CENSURE BEATEN

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP)—An attempt to express censure of Prime Minister Churchill's interventionist policy in liberated lands was beaten 346 to 7 today in the house of commons.

Technically the vote was on a war appropriations bill. Some critical laborites announced beforehand that although they opposed British policy in Greece and Italy, they would not vote against the bill on the grounds they might be accused of impeding the war effort.

Cheered Wildly
Churchill himself was in the house during the vote and was cheered wildly as he left with Foreign Secretary Eden.

Shortly before the vote, Eden told commons that Britain would place before the forthcoming "Big Three" conference a demand for creation of machinery with power to deal quickly and jointly with international political problems. He said Britain was ready to go to almost any length "in order that the machinery may function."

The British government, Eden (Continued on Page Two)

HOUSE PASSES BILL ON INVESTIGATION

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr.
SALEM, Jan. 19 (AP)—The house of representatives, voting unanimously and without any debate, completed legislative action today on Governor Earl Snell's requested resolution to investigate the 1943 Waterfill and Frazier liquor purchases by the state liquor commission.

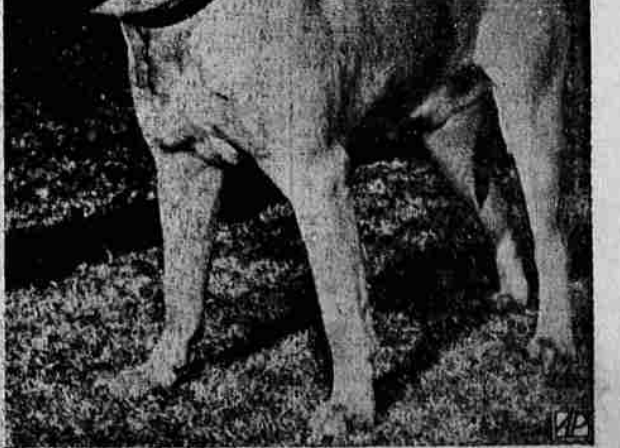
Speaker Eugene Marsh said he would appoint the three house members of the investigating committee next Monday, and he did not indicate whether a democrat would be included. The senate members of the committee (Continued on Page Two)

Workers Vote to End Tram Strike

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 19 (Canadian Press)—Street car and bus operators in three British Columbia cities voted overwhelmingly last night to end a 10-day old strike and resume normal operation of transportation services at 4:10 a. m. today.

Some 2700 members of the Street Railwaymen's union (AFL), all employees of the British Columbia Electric Railway company, were involved in the tieup, stemming from war labor board refusal to consider requests for wage boosts and changes in working conditions.

Did He 'Bump' Seaman?



This is an English bull mastiff recently delivered to Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt in Hollywood, Calif., and confined in a commercial kennel. Seaman 1/c Leon LeRoy, 18, told the American Red Cross chapter at Antioch, Calif., he, an army sergeant and a Seabee had been "bumped off" an army plane at Memphis, Tenn., to make room for a dog he said was assigned to Mrs. Roosevelt.

One Woman Mailcarrier Trudges Snowy Streets

judging snowy streets these is Afton B. Phelps, the only woman mailcarrier at present in Klamath Falls postoffice.

Ms Phelps has been on the since November 8, 1944, and is in the middle of her first carrying the mail.

Former Clerk
Ms Phelps has lived in Klamath Falls for the past 18 years and attended school here, was a clerk at the J. C. store before taking a her brother, Floyd Phelps, 40 Rogers. She has one brother, R. R. Phelps, in Klamath Falls and two sisters, Ruby Severson and Mrs. Barker, who also make their home here.

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Mailcarrier Braves Cold



Afton Phelps, only woman mailcarrier working out of the Klamath Falls postoffice, doesn't let the cold weather bother her as she goes her appointed rounds in the service of Uncle Sam.