

RED DRIVE SLICES EAST PRUSSIA

By FRANK JENKINS
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18 —
The spotlight of the Euro-
pean war has shifted with dra-
matic speed to the Russian front,
and in less than a week the Ger-
man army has broken the Ger-
man line that held with
like firmness last summer.

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Weather News			
January 20, 1945			
Max. (Jan. 19)	32	Min.	20
Precipitation last 24 hours	None		
Stream year to date	4.84		
Normal	5.83		
Last year	3.08		
Forecast: Clear and cold.			

JAP SUB SINKS LIBERTY SHIP

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20 (AP)—Tacit admission that convoys sailing out of Pacific coast ports have been alerted against roving Japanese submarines came today after the navy disclosed the loss of the Liberty ship John A. Johnson and 10 of its crew in a torpedoing and lifeboat strafing attack.

The sinking and machine-gun attack came last November between San Francisco and Honolulu, about 400 miles west of Hawaii.

Of the 10 American seamen killed most of them died under sprays of bullets fired, survivors said, by frenzied Japanese who

danced on the submarine's deck, shouting Banzais and cursing into the sub's propeller.

The survivors told how they spent two terrifying hours submerged behind wreckage to keep out of the range of the rampaging enemy craft.

They said the submarine in its surface hide and seek hunt strafed a lifeboat with machine-gun bullets and rammed a lifeboat.

Lt. Peter Chelemados, San Francisco, experiencing his eighth torpedoing, said all of the 10 who perished died after abandoning the Johnson. One

was crushed between a lifeboat and the sub; another was sucked into the sub's propeller.

Five men were seriously wounded in the machine-gunning.

Sixty Americans survived the harrowing night. They watched the sub shell the sinking Johnson then circle the wreckage strewn water in attempts to ram rafts and boats.

Lt. Yates counted 18 Japanese on deck shouting gleefully and cursing survivors.

The submarine disappeared shortly before an American plane came overhead; the survivors were picked up by dawn.

FOURTH TERM BEGUN SIMPLY BY PRESIDENT

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt began another four years in the White House today and, in a stately simple ceremony, dedicated the nation to achieving "total victory in war" and "a durable peace."

Against a background of wintry white and under leaden skies, Mr. Roosevelt solemnly rested his hand on an ancient family Bible and repeated after Chief Justice Stone the oath that made him America's first fourth-term president.

"The precedent-making oath was administered in what the president termed 'a period of supreme test.' He said:

"If we meet that test—successfully and honorably—we shall perform a service of historic importance which men and women of all ages and of all nations should be proud to witness."

The president's inauguration ceremony was held in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., on January 20, 1945.

Nazi Attacks Drive Yanks 5 Miles Back

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Jan. 20 (AP)—Three powerful German armored attacks have driven the U. S. seventh army troops back almost five miles to Weyersheim, 8 1/2 miles north of the Nazi-menaced Strasbourg. But 70 miles to the south, the French first army struck violently northward on a 25-mile front from St. Amarin in the Vosges to the Rhine river and scored initial advances of three miles. St. Amarin is 15 miles northwest of Mulhouse. The attack still is progressing, a front dispatch said.

The Germans, reinforced with tanks, charged from the center of their newly-consolidated cross-Rhine bridgehead northward to Strasbourg.

The fate of the Alsatian capital was apparently at stake as doughboys battled the furious punches, powered by up to 10,000 enemy troops. The Germans hold a solid corridor on the Rhine's west bank to within seven miles of Strasbourg, and are 10 miles from the city on the south.

ARMISTICE SIGNED WITH HUNGARIANS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The state department announced today that Marshal Klementi Voroshilov signed an armistice with Hungary at 8:30 a. m., Washington time on behalf of Russia, Britain and the United States.

Thus, after over a month of negotiations, the last of Hitler's satellites dropped out of the war. The armistice was signed with General Miklos, head of the provisional Hungarian government at Debrecen, thereby obtaining for Miklos a form of allied recognition.

The armistice will not mean the end of all fighting in Hungary because Nazi and puppet Hungarian troops are still in a small western part of the country.

Officials here expressed pleasure that Voroshilov had been chosen to sign for the allies because he is noted for his friendliness to the west. He took part in the foreign ministers' conference which Secretary Hull attended in Moscow last year.

PRISON PENALTIES EYED FOR EVADERS

By HOWARD FLIEGER
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—House military committee members predicted today they'll have an administration-sought labor draft bill—armed with prison penalties for evaders—written and ready for house consideration Monday.

The bill, asked by the White House as a means of forcing men 18 to 45 into war jobs and keeping them there, faces stiff labor opposition, however. Organized labor supporters are against it and some farm state representatives say they fear the heightened manpower drive may strip the farms of workers.

Abandoning the idea of military labor battalions for those who leave war jobs, the committee yesterday substituted as punishment the draft dodger penalties of the selective service act: maximums of five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Before the bill is finished, the same punishment will be set up for those who ignore attempts to assign them to essential jobs. The committee also voted to give to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes the power to determine what jobs are critical. His classifications would be followed by local draft boards in assigning war workers.

Nazi Attempt Infiltration

ROME, Jan. 20 (AP)—The Germans have attempted infiltration tactics with small groups at a number of places on the east bank of the Senio river on the Adriatic sector of the Italian battlefield, allied headquarters said today.

Yesterday it was announced that a German bridgehead on the river's east bank in the Fugignano area on the same sector had been broken and the Nazis were driven back to their original positions.

Second Invasion Hinted by Japs

By The Associated Press
The Japanese Domei news agency said today an American invasion of Luzon island south of Manila may be developing.

In a dispatch intercepted by the federal communications commission Domei said, "enemy air forces are conducting reconnaissance operations in the southern Luzon area, indicating the possibility that the enemy is intending to avoid our powerful forces north of Manila and, instead, attempt to land troops at some other fresh point."

Counterblow in Burma Repulsed

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, KANDY, Ceylon, Jan. 20 (AP)—The first Japanese counterattack in Burma in weeks was repulsed by Indian troops holding a bridgehead on the east bank of the Irrawaddy river, near Singu, 46 miles above Mandalay. It was announced today.

The allied east bank bridgehead poses a strategic threat to Japanese communications to Lashio and southeastward into Thailand.

Elas to Release Greek Hostages

ATHENS, Jan. 20 (AP)—An international Red Cross mediator has obtained the signature of left wing "Elas" central committee to a document agreeing to the release of a high proportion of Greek civilian hostages who have been held by the civil police of the EAM (national liberation front); it was announced tonight.

Marauders Set Shed Afire At Home of Returned Jap

AUBURN, Calif., Jan. 20 (AP)—After marauders tried to burn and then dynamite a shed at the home of the first Japanese family to return here from a Colorado relocation camp, Sheriff Charles H. Silva announced today he had placed a 24-hour guard on the premises of Sumio Doi, eight miles northwest of town.

"The government is sending these people back here," said Silva. "The constitution says they've got to have protection." Silva said the first attack on

Klamath and Medford Cagers Leap For Ball



Shown above are Pelican and Tornado players striving to gain possession of the ball in the second canto of last night's tussle on the KUHS hardwood between the two rivals. In an extremely rough game, which saw both clubs roll up a total of 35 personal fouls, Medford bounced the K-men, 44-28. From left to right: Palmer (8), Cave (14), Bienn (3), Mason (10), and in the background, Noreen (14). The Medford player in the background is unidentified. For complete story see sports page.

JAPS OPEN BATTLE ON NORTHERN LUZON

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Sunday, Jan. 21 (AP)—Japanese resistance is crumbling on the left flank of the American liberation front on Luzon island, headquarters announced today.

By SPENCER DAVIS
GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger is winning the important battle of the left flank.

His sixth army is smashing Japanese tanks, silencing artillery concealed in caves and going after enemy soldiers in 10-foot-deep holes with flame throwers. It is the first real fight since the Yanks landed at Lingayen Gulf, January 9.

600 Nips Killed
Twenty Japanese tanks have been knocked out and 600 Nipponese killed—some of them 23rd division troops from Manchuria—in a three-day period along the left flank.

That flank juts into the hilly, eastern side of Pangasinan province. The broader it gets, the more effectively it isolates Japanese forces on the north around Baguio, Philippines summer capital, from other enemy forces on the south defending Manila.

Significantly, since the fighting flared up on the left flank, (Continued on Page Two)

Davig Persists in Denials Of Implication in Killing

Sheriff Lloyd Low expressed the opinion Saturday that "we have the man who did the job," but Archie O. Davig, through hours of questioning, persisted in denial of any implication in the fatal shooting of John Rathiel Ewing.

Davig was still held in the county jail today for investigation in the death of Ewing, who was found, fatally wounded, near highway No. 97 and the Kalpine plant on January 12. Possible filing of specific charges awaited the return of District Attorney Clarence Humble, who was out of the city but is expected back Monday.

Arrested Friday
Davig, a Great Northern brakeman, was arrested Friday morning, after a report from a state criminologist to the effect that the bullets which killed Ewing came from a gun owned by Davig.

According to Sheriff Low, Davig himself turned the gun over to the sheriff several days ago, and has told a story that he was

Attempt on Duce's Life Reported

By The Associated Press
A Geneva dispatch reported to the OWI today said it was increasingly certain that an attempt was made on Mussolini's life during his visit to Milan in December, although the fact had been "hidden from the population" by the fascist government.

A band of anti-fascists and communists "succeeded in placing a machinegun on the third floor of a house in the Via Dante," said the Geneva newspaper La Suisse's account.

"As the Duce approached and the partisans prepared to fire, two soldiers of the Muti brigade discovered them. An alarm was sounded and the militia succeeded in disarming the anti-fascists."

Clark Pond Ice Okay for Skating

The ice on Clark's pond, at the edge of the Klamath naval air station, is reported to be in excellent condition for ice skating, according to E. E. Hambrick, city recreation officer. Hambrick stated that the prospects look good for the entire weekend, unless there is a change in the present weather conditions.

Those interested may reach Clark's pond by going out Altamont drive to the airport and turning left at Johns street, or by driving out Summers Lane and turning right at this street. Someone will be on hand to have a fire built for those who plan to go out.

Quite a few adults, as well as children, have been availing themselves of this winter sport, but are warned not to congregate on the ice in large groups. Hambrick also reports that the Upper Klamath lake should not be used for ice skating, because the ice is dangerously thin in most sections.

March of Dimes Coin Box Stolen

Every once in a while a "meanest man in town" story crops up.

This one tops them all. Three of the six March of Dimes coin boxes placed at a booth in Woolworth's, were torn from the counter some time during the day. The little boxes had been generously filled by stove customers since they were placed there earlier in the week. The theft occurred some time during the busy rush of the noon hour, the manager opined.

SOVIETS WIN TILSIT, NEAR DANZIG GULF

Russian Tide Rolls Toward Polish Corridor

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Jan. 20 — Tilsit, northern German stronghold since the days of the Teutonic knights, fell today to a crushing Russian offensive which was slicing up East Prussia and threatening to cut off the entire Junkers province.

Troops of Gen. Ivan Chernakhovsky's third White Russian army captured the ancient city

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The first White Russian army of Marshal Gregory Zuhkov today captured Wloclawek, 85 miles northwest of Warsaw in a great sweep across the Polish plain. Premier Stalin announced in his third order of the day.

25 miles from the Baltic in East Prussia. Other forces driving into the province from the southwest were within 62 miles of the Gulf of Danzig.

In southwestern Poland Marshal Ivan Konev's first Ukrainian army drove up to within 58 miles of Breslau, in Silesia. (Continued on Page Two)

KPCA DISTRIBUTES DIVIDEND AT MEET

Two hundred and eighty stockholders in the Klamath Production Credit association and their wives received good news today when a four per cent dividend, amounting to over \$10,000, was distributed at the annual meeting of the association at the Willard hotel. Stockholders from Klamath and Lake counties in Oregon, and Siskiyou and Modoc counties in California, were present to receive this cheering news.

During the year 1944, the association loaned \$2,894,000. Stockholders numbering 364 own \$141,710 worth of stock, which is the farmer's investment. Back of this is a reserve of \$196,900 which has accumulated during the past 11 years.

A four per cent dividend paid in each of the last three years amounted to over \$30,000.

Farmers now own 54.6 per cent of the capital stock of the association, as of December 31, 1944, and since that date, \$35,000 of the corporation capital has been retired, which leaves the farmer's investment as of today at 63.2 per cent of the capital stock.

Ernest Henry, president of the Production Credit corporation of Spokane, was the principal speaker and Bert Palmer, representative of the Intermediate Credit bank in Spokane was on the afternoon program.

Yanks Bomb Portuguese Port

LISBON, Jan. 20 (AP)—American planes accidentally bombed the Portuguese province of Macao west of Hongkong on January 16, it was revealed here last night.

The United States government has expressed its regret and ordered an inquiry, it was said.

Wife of Klamath-Stationed Marine to Christen Ship

To Christen Ship

Martha June Albritton, wife of Cpl. Larry Albritton of the Marine Barracks, has been selected to christen the 10,800-ton cargo ship, SS Paducah Victory, in the name of her home town, Paducah, Ky. The christening is to take place in Portland early in February.

The ship is now being built at the Oregon Shipbuilding yards in Portland, and the launching ceremony is scheduled to be held on or about February 5. Bond buyers in Paducah purchased \$2,500,000 in bonds to pay for the ship and have it named after their city.



Martha June Albritton