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Weather News

January 25, 1944	
Max. (Jan. 24)	42
Min.	20
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
Stream year to date	4.84
Normal	6.16
Last year	3.18
Forecast: Slightly warmer	

DRIVE OPENS ON NORTHERN ALSACE SECTOR

Enemy Crosses Moder River, Hitting On 20-Mile Front

By EDWARD KENNEDY
PARIS, Jan. 25 (AP)—The Germans have opened a desperate new offensive against the western front in northern Alsace, it was announced late today at supreme headquarters, possibly in a supreme effort to win back the whole northeast France province.

Attacking on a 20-mile front from Haguenau northwest into the Vosges mountains, the enemy crossed the Moder river at places 15 miles below the reich frontier.

Towns Taken
Far to the north, the British second army drove under guns of the Siegfried line to within a mile of the Roer river, where the fixed defenses begin. Seven towns within 30 miles of Dusseldorf fell to the Tommies.

The allied air force again pounded on thinning German traffic falling out of the Ardennes salient in the center. German troop movements toward the east still were seen.

Near Frontier
The first and third armies captured nine more towns in Ardennes section, three of them inside Germany. First army troops pushed close to the reich frontier around Wallenrode and Ambeville, about St. Vith. The first division trapped and captured 300 Nazis.

Hit Equipment
By mid-afternoon pilots of planes over the first army front reported they had destroyed or damaged 498 trucks, 37 armored vehicles, and 160 railcars. Nearly 7000 vehicles and tanks had been knocked out in three days before today.

A first army dispatch said the Germans appeared to have (Continued on Page Two)

Marines Face Classy Quint In Shannon's

By PAUL HAINES
When the classy Shannon five takes the hardwood Saturday night against the Leathernecks from the Marine Barracks in the "March of Dimes" game to be played on the KUHS maple, the marines will be up against fast competition.

In the first half of the American league cage season in Portland, the red-hot Shannon outfit tied Fee's Music Makers with six wins and three losses for an average of .666 per cent. Fee's finally copped the hunting by barely nosing out Shannon's in the playoff.

In the second round now underway, Shannon's have won three tilts and dropped none for a perfect record and another deadlock with the Music Makers. The Portland league is one of the strongest in the state of Oregon and Shannon's have roosted on the top perch all season. This is indicative of the worth of the Portland club and the Shannon cagers are gunning for a victory over Coach Les Israel's Leathernecks.

Osterhouse Star
The star of the Shannon five is Ray Osterhouse, 6-foot 6-inch center. Osterhouse patrols the keyhole slot and sometimes shifts to the guard position. He is a clever ball handler and it will be something to see when he and "Red" Gilbert, ace marine pivotman, clash on the hardwood.

Roy Pfluegrad, an all-time Oregon State basketball great, handles one of the forward as (Continued on Page Two)

Ready to Go!



Bill Mills, flashy forward on the Leatherneck quintet, is all set for the big benefit game with Shannon's of Portland Saturday night on the KUHS maple. Mills is a deceptive player and a dead shot at the bucket, but he will have his work cut out for him when he clashes with Jack Cady, Shannon backcourt man, and one of the top cagers in the Portland league. All proceeds from this tilt will be turned over to the current "March of Dimes" national infantile paralysis fund.

Reds Isolate Nazis

GI'S BESIEGE AIRSTRIPS OF CLARK FIELD

Manila 50 Miles Away In Path of Yank Advance

By C. YATES McDANIEL
GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Jan. 25 (AP)—A swiftly massing weight of 14th army corps motorized troops besieged Clark field's 13 airstrips today after a two weeks campaign on Luzon in which 10 Japanese were killed for every American.

Manila lies less than 50 air-line miles ahead of the south-bound Yank columns, disclosed officially today to have paid the relatively low cost of 657 lives during the first 14 days of their 65-mile drive from Lingayen gulf. More than 6000 dead Japanese have been counted and the figure undoubtedly is greater because the Nipponese try to con- (Continued on Page Two)

Cities In Silesia Fall To Advancing Soviet Army Troops

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Russian armies have captured Gleiwitz and Oles, two more Silesian cities guarding the approaches to Breslau. Marshal Stalin announced tonight, as red army troops moved through the broken Oder river line and seemingly isolated the large German forces in East Prussia with a drive to the Baltic east of Danzig.

Gleiwitz is 90 miles southeast of Breslau. Oles, a rail junction, is only 14 miles northeast of the important Silesian stronghold.

Stalin also announced the capture of Ostrow, 10 miles from the northern border of Silesia in Poland, and Chranow, an important center in the Dombrowa coal basin.

Scorched Soil
While Moscow's guns were booming out 20 salvos from 224 guns in a victory salute, the Moscow radio reported that Hitler had ordered the scorching of every inch of German soil before the Russian tide.

The radio report said German generals in the east had received orders to form commando brigades and burn up or blow up everything that could be useful to the Russians.

Moscow broadcasts said the thunderous soviet winter offensive had rolled to a point little more than 125 miles from Berlin and that red army forces were fighting "on the edge of Konigsberg," capital of East Prussia.

Capture of Gleiwitz, big industrial center just west of the Silesian manufacturing towns of Hindenburg and Beuthen, was announced by Marshal Stalin. Chranow, important center in the Dombrowa coal basin, 17 miles west of captured Krakow in Poland, also was taken.

Largest Taken
Gleiwitz, 90 miles southeast of Breslau, is the largest German city captured by the Russians. Its 118,000 population was mostly engaged in a large coal trans-shipping business and seven large arms and machinery plants, including a barbed wire factory.

German broadcasts said the Russians had broken into Elbing on the Gulf of Danzig, effectively shutting off East Prussia.

Fall of Oreslau, capital of Lower (northern) Silesia and most important industrial city in the eastern reich, appeared imminent as Marshal Ivan Konev moved his first Ukrainian army rapidly west of the Oder to encircle the city.

Storm Across Oder
Konev's forces, vanguards of the Russian avalanche, stormed across the broken ice of the Oder in the heart of Silesia at a point southeast of Breslau, soviet front-line reporters said, and shoved on toward the mountains of Bohemia in Czechoslovakia.

Konev was fighting for yet other crossings northwest of the Oder-streiding city, and Berlin said he already had secured a bridgehead at Steinau, 32 miles northwest of the city and 138 miles from Berlin.

Yet other troops under Konev's command were reported hammering into the outskirts from an overnight jumpoff point only four miles southeast of the city.



Victim

Archie O. Davig, railroad brakeman, is in the county jail on a first degree murder charge in connection with the slaying of John Rathiel Ewing, above, former Edgemont, S. D., resident who died of bullet wounds January 12. Final rites were held here last week on the arrival of Ewing's wife, Mary, and other relatives.

ARMY TROOP SHIP SUNK BY ENEMY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—The sinking of a U. S. army troopship in European waters as a result of enemy action, with 248 soldiers killed and 517 listed as missing, was announced today.

Secretary of War Stimson made the announcement at his weekly news conference. More than 1400 were rescued, he said.

Stimson said the ship, carrying more than 2200 soldiers, sank swiftly. The sinking was "recent," but he gave no other particulars as to the date or other circumstances. All of the next of kin have been notified, the war department stated in answer to an inquiry.

Third Ship Sunk
The transport was the third which the war department has announced as sunk by the enemy with heavy loss of life. Two others, the army disclosed last year, went down in the Mediterranean with a total of 1498 missing. The dates of those sinkings and the names of the ships were not announced.

In addition, the transport (Continued on Page Two)

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PROMPT MANPOWER ACTION REQUESTED

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—The argument that fighting armies need help now accompanied a house military committee recommendation today for prompt action on national service legislation.

Shortages of war material are "real and immediate," the committee said in sending to the house floor a bill to require every man between 18 and 45 to work where he is needed under threat of induction, fine or imprisonment.

Eliminate Amendment
The committee completed action on the legislation late yesterday after two weeks of consideration and, in a last minute move for harmony, eliminated on a close vote an "anti-closed shop" amendment vigorously opposed by organized labor.

The rejected amendment would have permitted a registrant to work in a union shop (Continued on Page Two)

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RED AMBASSADOR KILLED IN CRASH

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25 (AP)—Soviet Ambassador Constantine Oumansky, his wife, and seven others were killed today in the crash of a Mexican air force plane starting to take the ambassador to Costa Rica to present his credentials as minister there.

Dr. W. L. Garnett, at the American-British hospital, said officials told him there were 11 in the plane and that only two escaped, both injured.

Crashes Near Field
The plane took off at 5:30 a. m. from the Mexico City airport and crashed about 500 yards from the runway while trying to gain altitude.

The soviet embassy confirmed that these five members of its official family were killed: Ambassador Oumansky, Mrs. Oumansky, First Secretary Troyninsky, Military Attache Savin-Lazarev, Clerk, Yuri Vdovin.

Plane Burned
From Dr. Garnett's knowledge of the accident, the plane was in (Continued on Page Two)

James Derrah Hurt in Action

Word was received from the war department this morning by Mr. and Mrs. F. Derrah of Klamath Falls that their son, PFC James F. Derrah, was wounded in action in Germany January 11, 1945. Details of the nature of the wound will follow from an army hospital.

Derrah has been overseas since the autumn of 1944. He was first in France and Holland and later in Germany where he was wounded.

Sisemore to Defend Davig

L. Orth Sisemore, former Klamath county district attorney, has been retained as counsel for the defense by Archie O. Davig, 42-year-old railroad brakeman who is held on a first degree murder charge in connection with the slaying of John Rathiel Ewing.

Mrs. George Dingwell of Alliance, Neb., sister of Davig, is expected here within a short time from Davig's former home in Alliance.

Threats to Germany From East and West



Arrows indicate major action on the European battlefronts (heavy lines). On the east, Berlin said, the Russians are fighting in Posen. On the west Americans captured St. Vith. Shaded area on eastern front shows Russian territorial gains in the winter offensive launched January 12. Shaded area on the western front shows allied gains in reduction of the German salient. Rhine and Oder rivers, German defense barriers, are lined. (AP wirephoto).

Roosevelt Nominates Son To Brigadier-Generalship

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated his 34-year-old son, Col. Elliott Roosevelt, to be a brigadier general in the army air forces.

The proposed promotion went to the senate in the midst of a controversy over the army's air priority system which gave a dog owned by Colonel Roosevelt precedence over three servicemen.

The nomination goes automatically to the senate military committee, which voted only last Monday to inquire into the whole priority practice as well as the dog incident itself. The committee recommends for or against confirmation of such nominations.

Denios Request
Col. Roosevelt, who recently returned to duty in England, denied he ordered a priority for the dog, an English bull mastiff named Blaze. The three servicemen, flying west on furlough, were dumped off an army cargo plane at Memphis, January 11 while the dog, with an "A" priority, was allowed to continue the flight.

The animal was sent from Washington to Colonel Roosevelt's bride, actress Faye Emerson, in Hollywood. It was one of two she said her husband sent from England to start a breed in this country.

The White House, disclaiming any responsibility, officially labeled the incident "a regrettable combination of errors," and Secretary of War Stimson (Continued on Page Two)

Drug Company Sued for \$12,500 Damages Here

Charging that she suffered permanent injuries as a result of a fall in an icy store entrance at Walgreen's, 7th and Main, on February 7, 1943, Mrs. Gertrude Roark and her husband, W. H. Roark, both of Modoc Point, brought suit in federal court in Portland today seeking \$12,500 damages.

Mrs. Roark asked \$10,000 for the asserted injury and her husband asked \$2500 for loss of her companionship and household services.

According to Mrs. Roark, she was about to enter Walgreen's when she slipped and fell breaking her right arm and injuring her back. As a result of the fall she has a stiff wrist and permanent injury to her back, she charged.

Roark, former Lamm Lumber company employe, has been ill and unable to work for the past two years. The family lives on a ranch three miles north of Modoc Point.

Suit was filed in federal court against Walgreen's because of diversity of citizenship. The defendant is a Utah corporation and any controversy over \$3000 between cities of Oregon and other states is triable in federal court, according to U. S. Balentine, who represents Mr. and Mrs. Roark. Balentine will be assisted by Arthur T. Moulton of Moulton and Davis, Portland.

Negotiations were underway between the Roarks and Walgreen's immediately after the alleged injury but no action had been taken, Balentine said.

France to Maintain Army On Rhine, Says De Gaulle

PARIS, Jan. 25 (AP)—France intends to maintain military forces all along the Rhine after the war, General De Gaulle told a press conference today.

Meeting newspapermen for the first time in weeks, the French leader said regretfully that he had not been invited to the forthcoming "Big Three" conference.

He told 200 French and foreign correspondents that France had made no formal request for an invitation to the conference, but had believed the heads of all three big countries had known of the French attitude.

Need Assurance
"France does not intend to finish this war without assurance that the French army is installed permanently along the length of the Rhine from one end to the other," De Gaulle declared.

"They must be there not only for French security but for the security of the world."

"We envisage control of the entire Rhine basin as an industrial unit," the head of the French state said, adding that this, perhaps, would be an inter-allied control because "we have no reason to exclude the other allied nations."

Depends on Accord
"This," he explained, "does not necessarily imply the extension of France's frontier to the Rhine. The determination of the region's political status depends on accord with other nations—but French forces will be installed along the Rhine."

De Gaulle said that France did not intend to recognize the Lublin committee as the provisional government of Poland, at least not immediately.

"France wants Poland herself to choose her government," he said. "Up to now have the Polish people had a chance to manifest their intentions and desires? I do not think so. So, we shall see."

GRAND JURY HEARS INSTRUCTIONS HERE

Special instructions to the grand jury, which convened at 10 a. m. today, were given from the bench by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg at the request of District Attorney Clarence Humble.

The special instructions, which followed a lengthy routine instruction by the court, involved murder, assault with intent to rob, statutory rape, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, perjury and escape. All apparently referred to cases which will be brought before the grand jury during its period of investigation.

Before the grand jurors were directed to retire to the jury room to begin their lengthy study of cases which have been brought to the attention of the district attorney's office, they were advised by Judge Vandenberg that he would reconvene the group on February 13, and asked jurors to keep this date free for further investigation.

Judge Vandenberg stressed the fact that indictments could be brought against persons not yet charged with a crime. He explained true and not true bills, secret indictments and other phases of the work which must be accomplished by the jury before its reports are submitted to the bench.

Due to the heavy schedule which faces the grand jury, returns are not expected for at least a week, according to Judge Vandenberg.