

# GI'S BESIEGE AIRSTRIPS OF CLARK FIELD

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deal their losses by dragging away many of the bodies.

**Fortress Caves**  
An intricate maze of more than 30 fortress caves, which the Japanese spent months building as a major defense belt for Clark field, littered with scores of wrecked Japanese bombers and fighters, is in the hands of 40th division soldiers. Disdainful of willing enemy rearward resistance, little artillery spotter planes landed on the satellite field before the ground troops got there.

The Baman river, where the enemy could have put up a delaying fight, has been crossed.

The town of Baman has been seized and the town of Mababac, last one before Clark field, has been reached in a 10-mile push from Capas which has carried into Pangasinan province, long referred to as "the gateway to Manila."

## Pioneer Passes



Final rites for William Uhrmann, 81, for 54 years a resident of Klamath county, will be conducted Friday at 2 p. m. from Ward's Klamath Funeral home. The Loyal Order of Moose will be in charge.

## RED AMBASSADOR KILLED IN CRASH

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flames, at least on the ground, and the two persons who escaped both were burned.

Mrs. Troynitsky was dragged from the burning plane, Dr. Garrett said, by the Mexican pilot mechanic, who "saved her life."

Mrs. Troynitsky is recovering from shock but has serious burns on a leg and her face. She also may have a back injury.

The mechanic, whose name was not given, suffered a broken arm and face burns. Both are expected to recover.

## Stilwell to Head Army Ground Units

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—War Secretary Stimson today announced the assignment of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell to command of the army ground forces succeeding Lt. Gen. Ben Lear.

Lear's assignment as deputy commander in the European theater in charge of administrative matters concerning American troops was announced yesterday.

## Jury Fails to Reach Verdict in Trial On Drug Stealing Charge

MEDFORD, Jan. 25 (AP)—A circuit court jury last night failed to agree in the trial of Fred and Maxine Merrett, charged with breaking into the office of Dr. R. W. Clancy and stealing narcotics.

The Merretts, husband and wife, appeared in federal court recently as witnesses in the trials of two Medford doctors, Dr. Clancy and Dr. F. W. W. Kresse, convicted of supplying narcotics.

District Attorney George Neilson, who said he understood the jury stood seven to five for conviction, said this morning he would ask for another trial.

## JUVENILES ARRESTED

PORTLAND, Jan. 25 (AP)—A record-breaking number of juvenile offenders—1078—were arrested in suburban Multnomah county last year, Sheriff Martin T. Pratt announced today.

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# DRIVE OPENS ON NORTHERN ALSACE SECTOR

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switched every available fighter plane to the Russian front.

The Germans struck in Alsace in what may be their last reckless effort in the west.

**Smash Into Yank Lines**  
They smashed into U. S. seventh army lines after heavy artillery preparation and cut the Haguenau-Sarrebourg road. The Americans still held the rail center of Haguenau (Pop. 20,000), but the Germans were attacking through the adjacent forest on both the east and west sides.

Weather was so foul that the seventh army had virtually no tactical air support.

Gen. Hermann Balck opened the drive with a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, while other Germans to the north were continuing a great eastward exodus from the Ardennes salient. Roads and rails were so littered in the north that the Germans resorted to routes in the center.

**Near Roer River**  
At no point were the British more than three miles from the Roer, which the U. S. ninth army to the south guarded from Linnich to below Duren. Linnich, three miles from Roermond, was among towns taken by the British.

The German offensive in Alsace was in an area where the seventh army had plenty of rugged space to trade for time in which to reinforce. It was by no means on the scale of the Ardennes offensive of mid-December.

"The assault may signal the start of the final battle for Alsace," AP Correspondent Robert C. Wilson wireless from 7th army headquarters.

## ARMY TROOP SHIP SUNK BY ENEMY

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President Coolidge sank October 26, 1942, in the South Pacific but only five lives were lost. More than 4500 officers and men were aboard the Coolidge at the time.

**Casualties Totaled**  
Stimson today also declared that army casualties since Pearl Harbor have reached 616,931. Coupled with a navy total of 84,998, the aggregate for the armed forces since the beginning of the war now are 701,930.

This total represents an increase of 38,091 since last week's report. The navy accounted for 1635 of the increase and the army for the remainder.

## PROMPT MANPOWER ACTION REQUESTED

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without joining a union, if his draft board told him to go there. Instead the committee wrote in a provision requiring local draft boards to give a man "a reasonable choice of employers for him to work."

**Board Given Power**  
It left in the hands of the director of war mobilization, or someone designated by him, the authority to determine what are essential occupations. But it confined to draft boards the power to tell a man to stay in his present job or move into one where his services are needed.

A registrant complying with a board order was voted benefits of the soldiers and sailors civil relief act and the same reemployment priority guaranteed a drafted man under the selective service law.

But for a man who quits his job without board approval, or who refuses to take a job at board direction and without reasonable cause, the committee decreed a maximum punishment of five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine, with the army and the navy having the choice of drafting the man for active duty.

## Swiss to Hear Call for Break With Germany

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—President Roosevelt has assigned Lauchlin Currie to go to Switzerland to renew negotiations for a break in that country's economic relations with Germany. Currie is an administrative assistant to the president.

Announcing his assignment today, the state department said "our efforts to shorten the war render it important that these negotiations be undertaken without delay."

Switzerland last October banned further exports of arms and ammunition in an action which had the practical effect of cutting off Swiss munitions shipments to Germany. However, the Germans still are permitted to ship coal and some other goods across Switzerland to northern Italy.

## Churchill Warns About Use of Gas

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill warned the Germans today that if they used poison gas the allies would retaliate swiftly "ten fold."

"It is no doubt a realization of this fact and not any real moral scruples on the part of the enemy that has hitherto secured us immunity from this particular form of warfare," Churchill said.

## Skating Rink Planned By Recreation Group

Plans for an ice skating rink on the site of the tennis courts adjacent to Modoc field and directly across from the plunge, were outlined at a meeting Wednesday night of the city recreation committee.

Weather permitting, flooding will start Friday under the direction of E. E. Hambrick, city recreational director.

Various sub-committees are working on different phases of winter sports to report back at the next meeting, according to Dr. M. C. Cassel, temporary chairman.

## Pedestrian Hurt When Struck by Car

George McGowan, 65, Arcade hotel, suffered bruises and a skinned shin bone when he was struck by a car operated by George C. Horn, route 3, box 1285, at noon Tuesday at 11th and Main.

Police were told that sun shining in Horn's eyes prevented the driver from seeing McGowan as he crossed Main street.

## Job Relations Meet Slated For February

Local arrangements for the job relations meetings which have been slated for February, are in the hands of George Davis, it was announced at the chamber of commerce. These sessions will deal with the question of manpower, and are scheduled to meet on February 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m., at the conference rooms of the chamber of commerce.

These training within industry courses are to be limited to 10 people.

Don't be a procrastinator. See Hans Norland about that insurance policy this moment. 118 North 7th. Phone 6060.

# Skirmishes Take Place in Italy

ROME, Jan. 25 (AP)—Sleet and snow covered the Italian front today, but in spite of the wintry weather patrols were active along both the fifth and eighth army fronts and spirited skirmishes took place at several points.

The action generally, however, was no so small a scale that the discharge of a booby trap by a U. S. raiding party in the vicinity of Monte Cerure south of Bologna rated mention in an official report of the day's operations.

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## Man May Have Died In Fire At Chateau

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP) Possibility that Vivia L. Muncy, 47, Vancouver, Wash., died in the fire that destroyed Blue Lake Chateau Sunday night was under investigation today by the sheriff's office.

Deputy Sheriff Elmer Walsten said a companion had not been able to locate Muncy since fire broke out in the chateau during a shipyard workers' dance. Muncy's wife is a WAC.

## National Service Bill Overwhelmed

SALEM, Jan. 25 (AP)—The house overwhelmed 42 to 16 today a memorial asking congress to enact the limited national service act, the action coming after an hour's torrid debate which included charges that the opponents are "insurrectionists against our war leaders."

Rep. Warren Erwin, Portland democrat, father of the memorial, made the charge, but the opponents countered with the statement that the memorial is "an insult to the men and women of the state."

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