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### Weather News

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Max. (Feb. 2)	48	Min.	33
Precipitation last 24 hours	.02		
Stream year to date	5.30		
Normal	6.73	Last year	4.19

Forecast: Rain

## RACE DEVELOPS BETWEEN YANKS TO ENTER CITY

### Little Jap Resistance Met by Advancing Americans

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The British Broadcasting Corporation reported tonight that American patrol forces had pushed within two miles of Manila. It quoted an American radio correspondent on Luzon as broadcasting: "We got within a couple of miles of Manila and while we knew there were a certain number of Japanese in the vicinity they did not challenge our patrol. I don't think there is much between us and Manila."

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Feb. 3 (AP)—Two powerful American armored columns raced toward Manila from the north today indicating the Philippine capital would soon be liberated without a major fight. One U. S. force was less than 18 air miles away. Battle-hardened first cavalry (dismounted) division troops drove a new arrow toward Manila Thursday by sweeping 57 miles in 24 hours down the east flank of the central Luzon plain to Sabang, within 24 miles of Manila, and beyond.

Servers Forces Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today this sensational thrust completely severed Japanese forces in the north and south of Luzon.

Even closer to MacArthur's prime objective were elements (Continued on Page Two)

## USE OF OIL SEEN FOR HEAT COMPANY

The Klamath heating company will be forced to convert to oil for one boiler in order to have a margin of safety on fuel supply. This will necessitate a raise in rates to Klamath consumers. These facts were brought out at a meeting of the housing committee of the chamber of commerce, of which L. L. Lombard is the chairman. OPA and ODT representatives, fuel dealers, representatives of both military installations here, railroads, and other interested parties at the chamber of commerce Friday afternoon.

Ralph Westring, general products price specialist for the OPA from Portland, said that (Continued on Page Two)

## British Drive Nearer Mandalay

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, KANDY, Ceylon, Feb. 3 (AP)—British troops driving on Mandalay have completed operations which have community property systems. There are eight community property states.

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Burgess received his boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and was then sent overseas to the Central Pacific theater of war.

## Faller Held In Shooting Case

John Hayter, 27, timber faller, was lodged in the Klamath county jail at 10 o'clock Friday night, held in connection with the shooting of his partner, Claude Powell, early Friday morning at the logging town of Shevlin, 53 miles south of Bend.

No charge had been placed against Hayter, pending the outcome of Powell's condition. No change had been reported from Lumbermen's hospital in Bend where Powell is being treated for gunshot wounds in the groin and arm.

Sheriff Lloyd L. Low and Sgt. E. W. Tichenor of state police, returned Hayter to Klamath Falls last night. Low said Hayter admitted shooting Powell when they stood in front of the latter's home. Hayter said he walked to the Shevlin store and called Deschutes county state police, advising them he had shot a man and to come and get him. He then said he asked the storekeeper to advise Powell's relatives in Mitchell.

Hayter then told officers he returned to his home and when the Shevlin company ambulance arrived, he assisted Powell on the stretcher and into the ambulance.

The shooting was the result of "differences" between the two families, officers were told. Both Powell and Hayter are 27, their wives 23 years of age, and both have four young children.

# Yanks Burst Through Siegfried Line

### Pony Express—1945 Version



Henry Straley, MAM 3/c, and Jim Amado, MAM 3/c, pick up mail at the Klamath post office to be transferred to the Klamath naval air station. Both the air station and the Marine Barracks have their own post office and mail is picked up and brought in three times daily.

## Military Installations Handle Own Mail Problem

By PAUL HAINES

The servicemen stationed at the Klamath naval air station and Marine Barracks get plenty of mail from home. The Barracks and the naval air station have their own post offices and their own postal employees and their own postal employees and their branches of the Klamath post office.

The mail for these military installations is picked up at the Klamath post office three times a day and taken to the branch offices, where it is distributed. Five pouches of mail a day go to the Marine Barracks and about four pouches are taken to the air station daily.

Mail going out of Klamath Falls from these installations is brought in three times a day and is sorted and dispatched by the Klamath post office. The great majority of outgoing military mail is sent airmail, and all these letters are sent to Medford by stage, where they are dispatched by plane.

Other mail is sent out by train and leaves here twice daily, arriving in Portland and San Francisco in the evening and morning and is Los Angeles and Seattle at the same times.

## U. S. STILL HOLDS RIGHTS ON KLAMATH

The United States has not abandoned its plans for power development on the Klamath river, it was indicated today in a letter from Abe Fortas, power chief of the U. S. department of the interior, to A. M. Thomas, secretary of the Enterprise Irrigation district.

Thomas wrote to Fortas in inquiry after the California Oregon Power company had informed the state hydroelectric commission it is seeking permission to build a power plant at the Grant site near Keno.

"The hydroelectric commission of Oregon is being advised that the United States has not abandoned its rights on the Klamath river, nor is any such abandonment in contemplation, and that the department, through the bureau of reclamation, expects to cover the entire Klamath basin in a study to be (Continued on Page Two)

## Summerville Charge Dismissed

A charge of assault with a deadly weapon, pending against Lewis Summerville, 22-year-old veteran of World War 2, was dismissed Saturday in Siskiyou county, according to word received by Attorney Joseph C. O'Neill from the man's brother, Sgt. Luther Summerville of the Marine Barracks.

Summerville had been held under \$2500 cash bond following an altercation which resulted in serious injury to Fermon Clinton Evans, chief cook, Marine Barracks, on December 19, Sgt. Summerville told O'Neill that he was leaving Yreka, Calif., immediately to accompany Lewis to Letterman hospital, San Francisco. Lewis suffered injuries in a plane crash which brought about a medical discharge this past year. This was considered the basis of a recommendation from District Attorney Charles Johnson, Yreka, that Summerville be released for hospitalization. Evans has returned to duty.

## Nazis Say Red Drive On Oder River Repulsed

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Russian attacks on the Oder river have been repulsed, the German high command declared today as American air fleets rocked Berlin with 3000 tons of bombs in aid of soviet troops massing along the river 40 miles east of the capital.

One Berlin broadcast said Marshal Gregory Zhukov's troops had won but later lost a bridgehead over the Oder near Kustrin. The Moscow radio declared one of Zhukov's columns had speared to within 11 1/2 miles of Stettin on the Baltic. A plunge to Stettin would lop off 13,500 square miles of northeastern Germany, the Polish corridor, and the Danzig area.

Kustrin is on the Oder 40 miles east of Berlin. A huge battle was reported raging farther south, four miles east of Frankfurt on the historic Kundersdorf battlefield, first blooded in the era of Frederick the Great.

The rain of bombs from more than 1000 U. S. Flying Fortresses crashed on the refugee-choked capital, which is within sound of soviet guns shelling Nazi defenses on the western side of the Oder.

Zhukov's drive on Stettin, 74 miles northeast of Berlin, threatened to cut off great German forces and to open Berlin for an attack from the north. The Germans rushed fresh (Continued on Page Two)

## GERMANS APPEAL FOR FIRM STAND

LONDON, Feb. 3 (AP)—The German press and radio sounded the theme of "Remember 1918" in appeals today to Germans to stand firm against the front setbacks and any allied calls for surrender.

Promising nothing, German newspapers declared "all enemy aims cannot be achieved if the German people have the firm will not to capitulate."

Dispatches from neutral capitals and allied broadcasts said anti-Nazi posters and slogans are appearing on walls in large German cities. Moscow radio said "There is no doubt of panic reigning in many sections of Germany."

## Conductor Held On Bigamy Charge

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3 (AP)—With three counts of bigamy against him, 58-year-old Francis Van Wie today was held to answer to superior court. The district attorney said it might be a month before the case goes to trial. Police say Van Wie has had at least 12 wives.

Judge Leo Cunningham increased bail from \$500 to \$3000 cash or \$7500 bond.

When the attorney for the 5-foot-2-inch streetcar conductor objected that Van Wie might not be able to produce such bail, Judge Cunningham remarked: "It would be wise, perhaps, if he spent some days in jail, for some serious thinking."

## Nazis Offer No Opposition To Bombers Blasting Berlin

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

LONDON, Feb. 3 (AP)—More than 1000 U. S. Flying Fortresses blasted and burned the heart of Berlin today in the greatest air blow ever dealt the German capital, and not a single Nazi fighter opposed the deadly bomber runs.

Nearly 3000 tons of bombs were poured down in 45 minutes on the capital teeming with refugees and now almost in the frontline of land war.

For the first time in a major attack, no German planes fought in the air over Berlin itself to disrupt the bombers' aim. But in dogfights near the city, 20 Nazi fighters were shot down and 13 more were wrecked on ground.

Targets Blasted

The record attack was aimed directly at military and communications targets in the center of the city menaced by soviet (Continued on Page Two)

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## Led Luzon Rescue



Lt. Col. Henry S. Mucci, Bridgeport, Conn., commander of U. S. Rangers and Filipino guerrillas who rescued 510 allied war prisoners, many of them men of Bataan and Corregidor, in daring foray 25 miles inside Jap lines on Luzon.

## NEW SHADOW CAST ON WALLACE POST

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—A republican move to freeze government agencies against a presidential transfer cast a new shadow today over Henry Wallace's nomination for secretary of commerce.

Just when Wallace's adherents were setting back to await expected confirmation of the appointment after March 1, the house republican leadership popped a proposal to alter the senate-approved George bill.

Control Transferred

This Wallace-saving measure would transfer the \$45,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation and similar agencies from the commerce department to a separate federal loan administrator.

President Roosevelt said he would approve legislation to affect this change and on that note the senate put the cabinet nomination on the shelf until March 1. Wallace's friends conceded he had no chance to win confirmation without divestment of the lending powers. With it, they felt the nomination was safe.

But Mr. Roosevelt's clincher message to Senate Majority Leader Barkley (Ky.) said only (Continued on Page Two)

## Zombies Believed In Seattle

SEATTLE, Feb. 3 (AP)—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer said yesterday an "undetermined number of Canadian soldiers are believed absent without leave in Seattle and neighboring American Pacific northwest cities" and added the men "face court martial upon arrest."

The article said Maj. Gen. R. Perkes, general officer commanding-in-chief of the Pacific command at Vancouver, B. C., refused comment about the soldiers, "known in Canada as 'zombies'."

## Big Three Meeting Rumored Underway at Romanian Site

By The Associated Press

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## LAST PILLBOX BELT NEARED BY 1ST ARMY

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, Feb. 3 (AP)—U. S. first army doughboys, smashing into the final westward defenses today in the Monschau sector, reached points little more than a mile from the last concrete fortifications. They had burst completely through the first pillbox belt of the double Siegfried line.

The Americans punched their way into Bronsfeld, slightly more than a mile from Schleiden, which is on the eastern fringe of the Siegfried defenses. They occupied Bronsfeld, nine miles southeast of Monschau, Berescheid and Dreibrunn, 7 1/2 miles east of Monschau, towns controlling the main highways to the communications center of Schleiden.

## FEAR OF DOG HELD CAUSE OF DEATH

Alma Belle Hatten, 58, who died early this morning at the East Main and Wantland corner bus stop after she had been pursued for half a block by the animal.

Deputy Coroner Marvin Arbee, called with Ward's ambulance to the scene at 6:45 a. m., said Mrs. Hatten was dead on arrival. Relatives of the woman said she left her home at 2323 Wantland at 6:30 a. m., en route to work at the Cascade laundry where she is employed as an ironer. The dog, a harmless pup, said by Mrs. Hatten's relatives to be owned by Fred Hatten, 2223 Wantland, ran from the house and barked at the woman as she passed.

Mrs. Hatten became frightened by the animal and started to run to the bus stop. When she reached the corner she collapsed. A fellow worker, Mrs. Ann Rogers, 2241 Wantland, was on her way to the laundry and saw Mrs. Hatten fall. She ran back to summon Mrs. Hatten's sister, Mrs. Albert L. Bruley, 2233 Wantland, and from there called the ambulance.

When Mrs. Bruley and Mrs. Rogers returned to the corner, Mrs. Hatten had expired. Mrs. Hatten made her home with her mother, Mrs. Belle Monroe. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue. The remains are at Ward's.

## PROPERTY MUDDLE NEARS SOLUTION

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

SALEM, Feb. 3 (AP)—Oregon's community property muddle was nearer solution today when the senate passed unanimously and sent to the house two bills to repeal the 1943 community property law and to permit the 1251 couples who took advantage of the law to get out from under it by paying a \$15 filing fee.

The 1943 community property law, copied from an Oklahoma statute, was passed to let wealthy couples split their incomes and thus get lower federal income tax rates, giving Oregon equality with her neighboring states which have community property systems. There are eight community property states.

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