

RAGE DEVELOPS BETWEEN YANKS TO ENTER CITY

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of the 37th division which led the advance down central Luzon. These Yanks crossed the Angat river to the environs of Malolos, important communications center just 17 air miles to the north.

Third Spear
A third American spear was pointed at Manila from the southwest in Batangas province, where the eleventh airborne division landed virtually unopposed Wednesday and quickly captured an airfield within 40 miles of the capital.

Neither of the two columns speeding on Manila from the north met anything but scattered, ineffective resistance as they rolled along fine highways which converge a few miles north of the city. There was no indication the Japanese would put up a stand.

AP War Correspondent Fred Hampton reported after flying over the city that "if there were any extensive Japanese defenses around the approaches to Manila I could not see them." He was over the city yesterday in an observation plane. It drew no fire from the ground.

PROPERTY Muddle NEARS SOLUTION

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could not be used to get the lower tax rates, thus defeating the purpose of Oregon's law.

A third bill, which would prevent the state treasurer from levying gift taxes on property transferred from husband to wife under the 1943 law, was referred back to the judiciary committee for clarification.

The senate also sent to the house a memorial asking congress to place the 40 common law states on a parity with the eight community property states.

Both houses held their first Saturday sessions today, the end of the legislature's fourth week.

Military Occupation Idea Grows In American Circles

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from the hands of old line junkies into the hands of the mazi party, virtually ending whatever hopes had remained for a split between the two resulting in surrender.

This view is based primarily on the theory that if the old German general staff, as distinguished from the Nazis under Hitler leadership, has been capable of effecting a surrender, they would have capitulated as soon as it became apparent that their military forces alone would not be able to stem the attacks from east and west.

Nazis Offer No Opposition to Bombers Blasting Berlin

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armies which the Germans say are only 40 miles away. More than 400 Liberators, staging a diversionary attack that confused Berlin's defenders, pounded a synthetic oil plant and railyards on the outskirts of Magdeburg, 65 miles southwest of Berlin.

WEATHER

Friday, February 2, 1945	Max.	Min.	Pre'cip.
Eugene	46	32	1.0
Klamath Falls	46	32	1.0
Sacramento	48	34	1.0
North Bend	50	47	0.0
Portland	50	41	0.0
Medford	50	41	0.0
Teno	49	33	Trace
San Francisco	49	33	Trace
Seattle	35	45	1.4

OBITUARY

ALMA BELLE HATTEN
Alma Belle Hatten, for the past 6 years a resident of Klamath Falls, passed away in this city Saturday, February 2, 1945, at 7 a. m. The deceased was a native of Ravenden, Arkansas, and was aged 58 years, 6 months and 26 days when called. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Belle Monroe; two daughters, Edith Williams and Thelma McDonald, all of Klamath Falls; three sisters, Mrs. Anne Stewart of Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Lena Woodruff and Mrs. Gertrude Bruley of Klamath Falls; three brothers, Delmar Monroe of Auburn, Washington, and James and Joe Monroe of Eugene, Ore.; and four grandchildren. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral Home, 923 High, where friends may call. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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and on through Indo-China and Siam to Burma. With their sealines cut, they must have LAND lines. That suggests that they have more or less given up the battle of the islands as lost and propose to concentrate from here on out on the battle of the continent of Asia.

USE OF OIL SEEN FOR HEAT COMPANY

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an announcement would be made next week dealing with a ceiling price on forest firewood in this area with adjustments from that price only on an emergency basis.

Trouble Foreseen
James Miksak, chief of the northwest solid fuels rationing branch of the OPA in Seattle, declared that solid fuels men have been in the Klamath area off and on for a year-and-a-half and that they knew there would be trouble here and have been working with fuel dealers to alleviate the situation.

The OPA authorized the shipping of 3000 cords of wood from Redmond and Eugene, Miksak said, and shipments have been arriving every few days. The chief concern is what preparation may be made for next winter, he stated, and the chief hope lies in getting a fuel supply from closer sources than Eugene and Redmond.

"The OPA would rather have 10 per cent of the fuel left over at the end of the year than to have a crisis develop in the community," said Miksak.

Shortage Problems
The main problems against bringing fuel in are the shortage of truck tires, lack of available railroad facilities, and price. According to an estimate based on statements of fuel suppliers, there are approximately 15,000 cords of wood available from closed sources, but they cannot be shipped in due to one or more of these difficulties.

Miksak suggested that the problem could be worked out by conferences between wood suppliers from Bly, Keno, and Bray, Calif. who have fuel available, and OPA and ODT representatives.

Robert Ebersole, assistant district manager of the ODT from Portland, said the tire situation was critical, but that he would recommend some be released for use in this area to alleviate the present fuel condition.

Officials of the Klamath naval air station stated that a conversion was being experimented with there with a mixture of coal and hogged fuel. Should this prove successful it would undoubtedly tend to relieve the situation.

It was felt that much progress had been made in the past six weeks through the splendid cooperation of the committee and fuel dealers here and that the problem was being dealt with in a capable manner with further relief expected soon.

TWO SLIGHTLY HURT IN CAR ACCIDENT

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Two persons suffered minor injuries when a car driven by John A. Dillon, Cozy hotel, crashed into the viaduct abutment late Friday night. Dillon's passenger, Mrs. Ruth Carmen, Court View hotel, received a cut over the right eye and injury to her knee. Dillon filed a report with city police and advised that he attempted to avoid hitting a car which swerved to the left to make a wide right turn on Spring, when he struck the pillar. Considerable damage was done to Dillon's car. He received a cut on the forehead.

Large Attendance Seen For C of C Meet

Response to a reservation call indicated today that there will be a large attendance at Monday night's membership dinner and meeting of the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

The affair will be held at the Willard, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Committees of the chamber will report on progress in their work so far this year and there will be a forum discussion of community matters.

Return—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lundy of the Pelican hotel, and son, Victor, PhM 1/c, USA, who is home on leave, returned from a 10-day vacation which took them to Eugene and Portland.

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NAZIS SAY RED DRIVE ON ODER RIVER REPULSED

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divisions up to the Oder river line. The German military commentator Col. Ernst von Hammer declared the "western bank of the Oder has now been mopped up of Russian forces" after one spearhead had won a temporary bridgehead near Kustrin.

Moscow dispatches said soviet artillerymen already were pumping shells into Kustrin, 40 miles northeast of Berlin. Kustrin and Frankfurt form the last major barriers before Berlin. South of Kustrin other Russian vanguards plunged forward from captured Drossen, 14 miles northeast of Frankfurt and 51 miles due east of Berlin. The fall of this communications hub represented the greatest gain yesterday for the Russians with a 15-mile plunge straight through the heavily reinforced German lines.

U. S. STILL HOLDS RIGHTS ON KLAMATH

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undertaken when manpower becomes available to formulate plans for the use and development of water and hydroelectric resources.

Fortas did not mention the current study of the U. S. army engineers of a plan for diverting Klamath water to the Sacramento river watershed, which would eliminate the Klamath river as a power stream. The engineers have indicated they are collaborating with the reclamation bureau (which Fortas represents), fish and wildlife service, and federal power commission, in their diversion study.

Hence, it appeared that one government agency is working on a plan to eliminate power possibilities on the Klamath and another is planning a survey looking toward their development.

NEW SHADOW CAST ON WALLACE POST

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that he would approve legislation to return the lending functions to a separate administrator.

So the question of what he might do with a bill enlarged to cut off his authority to shift other agencies arose to plague the Wallaces and to encourage the former vice president's foes who still hope to keep him out of public office.

The house republican strategy was reported to involve offering an amendment to the George bill which would repeal section 1 of the first war powers act. This section gives the president almost unlimited powers to reshuffle federal departments and bureaus.

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DNB Broadcast Interrupted

LONDON, Feb. 3 (AP)—A broadcast of the official German news agency DNB was interrupted without explanation tonight with the exclamations "The end, the end."

News transmissions were broken up frequently with exclamations "Schluss! Schluss!" Veteran listeners said this was a most unusual procedure and that "schluss" meaning "end," never was used in any routine transmissions. One possible explanation was that the broadcast operators were showing the effects of today's heavy bombing in Berlin.

HENDERSON SPEAKS AT ROTARY MEET

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The most important phase of Klamath's agricultural development lies in the continued development of those crops we raise better than anyone else—potatoes, alsike clover and brewing barley—was the word of Charles Henderson, county agricultural agent, in a report of 1944 farm production to the Klamath Falls Rotary club Friday noon at the Willard.

"Water is the bloodstream of our whole agricultural life here, and it should be the concern of every Klamath citizen to see that our water rights are fully protected and that water is fully developed," Henderson said.

He told of growers' problems in overcoming the setbacks of the cold, dry 1944 spring weather, and of the problems in making use of Mexican nationals, German war prisoners and other unusual supplies of labor. Fine weather for fall harvest was cited as one natural bright spot in the year.

Henderson was introduced to the club by Scott Warren, chairman of the day, who outlined the general agricultural development in the basin since the days before first irrigation projects.

Editor's note: A table of the 1944 agricultural report may be found on page 10.

GERMANS APPEAL FOR FIRM STAND

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famine due to over-crowding and loss of huge food stocks to the Russians in the east. Munich, it added, is hourly becoming more and more the capital of the reich.

A Moscow broadcast called for an allied attack on the western front, and declared weather and terrain should not delay it. "The ground is ripe for a blow at the Germans in the west that would crush the thinned ranks of Hitler's armies stationed there, and the time is also ripe," the soviet commentator said.

Another soviet broadcast asserted that Gauleiter Paul Joseph Goebbels and his propaganda ministry had already deserted Berlin for Bavaria, although he was charged by Hitler with defense of the capital. Deputy Gauleiter Gerhard Schach announced that he would speak nightly on the Berlin radio.

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LAST PILLBOX BELT NEARED BY 1ST ARMY

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increasing artillery fire in Holland and on the front line along the Roer river in Germany, amid rising indications of an impending allied offensive.

Field Marshal Von Rundstedt gave his cryptic command to his troops: "Orders for what we have to do have been given. Comrades, now more than ever we must be watchful."

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miles southeast of Aachen, and the ninth division on its left flank, were pouring through the first breached defense belt and streaming across an open country gap under cover of artillery and mortar fire, toward the second and last zone of concrete barriers. The Germans were still giving battle doggedly from their hit line. Service troops and echelon soldiers were thrown in by the main force out the thinned defense line.

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