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RUSS OFFENSE NEAR BRESLAU MENACES CITY

Soviet Advance Now 25 Miles From Stettin

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Russian troops have encircled the port of Elbing in East Prussia, 31 miles southeast of Danzig, Moscow announced tonight.

Other Soviet troops captured the town of Frauenburg on the west of Elbing. The broad east Prussian Russian communiqué said.

Explode Offense
The Russians have smashed to within 25 miles of Stettin, the port of Berlin, and have exploded a fresh offensive northwest of Breslau threatening the encirclement of that huge Silesian industrial center, it was reported today.

Marshal Gregory Zhukov unlimbered one of the war's heaviest artillery batteries at fortifications along the Oder temporarily blocking the direct way to Berlin.

First to Fall
One of the first towns to fall in the new offensive of Marshal Ivan Konev from his Malsch bridgehead over the Oder was Parchwitz, 30 miles northwest of Breslau, the Berlin radio said. The German communiqué said the first Ukrainian army thrust had carried "almost to the east fringe" of Liegnitz, a rail center of 76,000 a little more than eight miles southeast of Parchwitz. The Russian armies were to form (Continued on Page Two)

POTATO SHIPMENTS BREAK ALL RECORDS

Klamath basin potato shipments for the 1944-45 season to date have passed any previous record for a full season—and there are two months of a normal shipping season remaining. State-Federal Inspector Ross Aubrey reported today that shipments had reached 10,460 carloads to date.

Last year, shipments for the entire season reached 10,388 carloads. In 1940, shipments totaled 10,308 carloads, including some 608 carloads diverted for livestock feed, totaled 10,453. Both figures are under the total of shipments up to February 9 of this season.

It has been officially predicted that Klamath shipments for this season will reach 12,000 or more carloads.

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Only Rumors Show Up In Case

Rumors continued to fly thick and fast as to the whereabouts of former Chief of Police Earl Heuvel, indicted by the Klamath county grand jury on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl, but Sheriff Lloyd L. Low said Friday that no trace of the man had been found. Heuvel's \$1000 bond, posted in justice court following his arrest in December, was forfeited when he failed to appear in circuit court for arraignment last week.

Law enforcement officers up and down the Pacific coast have been advised by Sheriff Low, to the effect that Heuvel is wanted in Klamath Falls to answer to the indictment.

Four More Schools Name Candidates for Valentines

Curls danced and hearts fluttered at Mills school this morning as St. Valentine's Day sweethearts were named by the boys in the 20 grade rooms with final selection to be made Monday. Principal Verne Speirs announced the following candidates:

First Grades, four rooms, Carolyn Nancarrow, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Nancarrow, 2260 Vine; Joy Elledge, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Conner, 2007 S. 6th; Oneta Bell Charles, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Charles, 247 Martin; Marilyn Hersey, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hersey, 2540 Reclamation.

Second Grade, three rooms, J. Ann Hayford, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Hayford, 2027 Main; Sharon Lee Larson, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Larson, 308 E. Main; Roberta McCoy, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. McCoy, 2124 Eberlein.

Third Grade, three rooms, Jeanne Sauer, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sauer, 2325 Darrow; Patty Sue Newland, 8,

Nazi Mayor Hanged For Fleeing Soviets

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The Germans announced today the execution of another mayor for fleeing his city before the advancing red army.

Mayor Schroeter of Koenigsberg, a small Pomeranian town on the east side of the Oder between Lerin and Stettin, was "hanged for leaving his town without receiving evacuation orders," the Berlin radio said.

Schroeter was sentenced in court at Schwedt, 30 miles south of Stettin.

Third Execution
This was the third in a series of eastern front civilian executions announced by the Germans. Previously the deputy mayor of Breslau was executed and the police president and other officials of Bydgoszcz (Bromberg), the fallen fortress in Poznan province, were executed "for cowardice."

The Paris radio said some foreign slave workers had risen against the Germans even as Heinrich Himmler organized German guerrillas for last ditch resistance against the allied invaders.

Prohibit Withdrawal
German authorities were reported to have prohibited further withdrawal of foreign workers from threatened areas in the east on the ground that those already evacuated had created unrest in the rear areas.

Many civilian captives who escaped during the massive daylight bombardment of Berlin by the U. S. eighth air force last Saturday sought shelter in the ruins and "at night they came out of hiding and attack the capital's inhabitants," the Paris station said.

A French telegraph agency dispatch from Ankara was quoted as saying that Gestapo Chief Himmler "is putting the finishing touches to an organization of German maquis which he will command himself."

Western Front Offensive Penetrates Fortifications
and captured six more towns, one of them three miles from the Rhine before it branches out from the Wall and Neder Rhine in Holland.

Surge Forward
Most of the villages were in Germany. The nearest to Kleve was Fassel and the nearest to the Rhine was the Dutch village of Leuth. Tuthes, on the main road from captured Kranenburg to Kleve, was taken along the Zandpol, Niel and Breedeweg in the onward surge of the Canadian and British tanks and infantry.

The new attack, bringing to life a long dormant sector, applied a pincer on the Ruhr. Far to the south the American first and third armies were cutting up toward the arsenal region of coal and steel. In the center the American ninth and British second armies were deployed along the Roer river for a frontal blow to the dense industrial area.

WORK-OR-JAIL BILL MEETS OPPOSITION
By FRANCIS J. KELLY
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Senator Chandler (D-Ky.) reported today that opposition to the work-or-jail bill is growing in the senate military committee which is rounding out its first week of semi-secret hearings on the measure.

Friends of the bill, however, said they are encouraged by the general trend of testimony and the concerted endorsement of the measure by high government officials.

Although no tangible progress has been made in four days, Senator Austin (R-Vt.), an advocate of the legislation, said he saw no signs of stalling within the committee and declared "We're moving as fast as we can."

Nevertheless, Chairman Thomas (D-Utah) expects the hearings to continue at least all next week.

Meanwhile, the war manpower commission is checking compliance under its program of voluntary hiring controls.

Yank Bombers Attack Nazi Oil

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Approximately 1300 American heavy bombers, escorted by more than 850 fighters, attacked German oil supplies and railroads today, adding their weight to what may be a record 24-hour assault.

Missing
Cpl. Harry Fenning, 21, army infantry, has been reported missing in action in combat against the enemy in France since January 16, according to information from the war department received by Fenning's wife, Eleanor, 4144 Washburn way.

Fenning entered the service in September, 1943, and received his training at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., and Fort Dix, N. J. In March, 1944, he received overseas orders and has been in France since the invasion. His wife and 18-month-old daughter live here with Mrs. Fenning's parents and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fenning, are also Klamath Falls residents. Prior to his enlistment, Fenning was employed by Ewauna Box company. His wife is a member of the Marine Baracks.



Cpl. Harry Fenning

YANKS SLASH ACROSS PASIG TO HIT NIPS

Rain Dampens Fires Set by Trapped Japanese

MANILA, Feb. 9 (AP)—U. S. infantrymen, slashing across the Pasig river in amphibious tanks, drove toward the prized dock section of Manila today in the face of new enemy demolition charges set off in the old Intramuros district, a death trap for its congested Filipino and Chinese residents.

Unseasonal rain dampened many of the scattered fires set wantonly by the desperate and trapped Japanese defenders but the Intramuros, or walled city, blazed so fiercely for a time that the heat could be felt blocks away.

(Some fires are still burning but the worst of the flames seem to have burned themselves out. George Thomas Folster reported in an NBC broadcast from Manila.

"Battle Near End"
(He said a regiment of doughboys crossed the Pasig today "and there is hope that the property-destroying phase of the battle for Manila may be nearing a close.")

The 37th infantry division, under Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beighler of Columbus, O., entered southern Manila by crossing the wide Pasig river near (Continued on Page Two)

Commerce Job Debate Stymied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Legislation designed to insure Henry A. Wallace's confirmation for a cabinet job was stymied in the house rules committee today after a noisy debate studded with charges of "horse trading."

The committee failed to reach a conclusion whether to send to the house floor the senate passed George bill divorcing the RFC from the commerce department, prior to a senate vote on Wallace's nomination as commerce secretary.

SENATE EXTENDS INCREASED LOADS

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Feb. 9 (AP)—The state senate voted unanimously today to extend wartime increased truck weight and length limits for another two years, after beating 18 to 10 a proposal to grant the extension for four years. The measure goes to the house.

Today's vote was taken on a divided report of the senate roads and highways committee, five members wanting the two-year extension, and three wanting four years.

The permanent length and weight limits for trucks on state highways are 50 feet and 54,000 pounds, but during the war these limits are boosted to 60 feet and 71,250 pounds. These higher limits are in effect only on certain main highways.

Leads Battle
Sen. Frank H. Hilton, Portland, led the battle for extending the limits for four years, asserting this is a compromise between (Continued on Page Two)

Central Intelligence May Supersede Federal Police

CHICAGO, Feb. 9 (AP)—A copyrighted dispatch to the Chicago Tribune today said President Roosevelt had received a draft of an order together with a proposal to establish a "central intelligence service," charged with coordination of postwar intelligence work and superseding existing federal police agencies.

The paper's Washington bureau, in an article by Walter Trohan, said the "highly confidential and secret" memorandum was given Mr. Roosevelt by Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan, director of the office of strategic services. The office would have no police power.

Exclusive Copy
The Tribune asserted it had "secured exclusively" a copy of the memorandum, and added: "The Tribune also obtained a copy of an equally secret suggested draft of an order setting up the general intelligence service, which would supersede all existing federal police and intelligence units, including military intelligence, naval intelligence, the federal bureau of investigation, the secret service, the internal revenue agents, and the federal communications commission which monitors all radio airways. The order gives the unit a wholesale grant of power."

Only 15 copies of the two documents were made, the paper declared, "each plastered with secrecy injunctions." These according to the story were sent to officials such as Admiral Leahy.

Lady Luck Sits In On Game

Pinochle-playing acquaintances of Ernie Glenger of Klamath Falls were congratulating him today on his stand-in with Lady Luck.

In a game last night, Glenger was dealt cold a 1500-trump hand—a hand that is as rare as it is perfect. Glenger's opponents in the game were Paul Lee and Joe Plankner.

Their Cruise Led to a Probe



These members of the coast guard show "Tars and Spars" returned to Seattle from Vancouver, B. C., after the Canadian navy announced it was investigating reports that the Spars were "molestated" by Canadian naval ratings during a pleasure cruise in Vancouver harbor.—(AP wirephoto).

Tars, Spars Cruise Not Official Navy Function

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 9 (AP)—The cruise tendered by the Tars and Spars, United States coast guard touring show, in Vancouver last Sunday "was in no way an official invitation of the Royal Canadian navy," Rear Admiral V. G. Brodeur, commanding officer of the Royal Canadian navy on the Pacific coast, said today.

An inquiry is being held in Vancouver into unconfirmed charges by girl members of the cast that they were insulted and molested by Canadian sailors aboard the naval vessel which was scheduled to take them on a three-hour cruise. The trip ended after 40 minutes.

Officers Greet Troupe
Rear Admiral Brodeur said the RCN was not officially advised of the arrival of the troupe in Vancouver but the cast was greeted by RCN officers and extended every courtesy by the navy in Vancouver.

Mayor J. W. Cornett of Vancouver, had been invited by Tom Howarth of the Navy League of Canada to greet the troupe on arrival but did not because the reception was to be a military affair.

Strictly Service
Lieut. Commander G. C. Kinross, United States navy liaison officer of the Pacific command, said "it had been determined that the reception at the railway station should properly be a strictly service affair."

As a result I telephoned and explained to the mayor's secretary that we appreciated the mayor's willingness to come but in view of the charge, Lieut. Elmer Cook (officer in charge of the show), would call at the city hall and pay his respects." Rear Admiral Brodeur said personnel of the show were provided with transportation in Canadian naval vehicles from the (Continued on Page Two)

Dewey Provokes Dissent, Praise From Colleagues

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey's declaration of cooperation with the administration's international objectives today provoked both praise and dissent among republican congressmen.

In an address last night the 1944 presidential nominee said President Roosevelt has the support of both parties and prayers of the American people in his current meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin of Russia.

But he added "rare" meetings of the Big Three are not enough, and he criticized what he termed "false liberalism" in postwar domestic plans.

In effect, Dewey told a select crowd of banqueting party members here last night that the GOP quarrel with the administration is one of individualities and methods, not objectives—so far as international relations are concerned.

But on the home front, the 1944 republican presidential nominee found plenty of grounds for political battling. Specifically he mentioned what he called the administration's tendency to believe "that to cure every ill you pass a law and appropriate a billion dollars."

News

FRANK JENKINS

battle of Berlin retires to behind a curtain of Russian silence. Moscow correspondents say it is unlikely that any official announcement from the reds until they have won the battle. The Oder crossing.

TRIN, on the east bank, has not yet to have fallen. There are reports that there and keeping open a bridge to the river. The danger as this is written falls clear whether the bridges have been destroyed.

have been within range of the artillery for several days. It would be at least in the line of the river. The danger as this is written falls clear whether the bridges have been destroyed.

latest move on the checkerboard is a Canadian drive, in the dispatches describe as "a scale force," directed against Kieve, where the two main lines come together at the Rhine. The Canadian 1st armoured division is bolstered heavily by the 3rd Canadian division units. The drive was led by a typical Montgomery barrage, with the guns firing at a rate of 40 rounds a minute.

part of the front has been in since October, when our attempt to cross the Rhine failed. Since then, the Germans have been building maze mazes of trenches and traps and laying huge minefields.

can't escape the feeling that Eisenhower must be all ready and merely waiting for the HOUR. The thought crosses our minds that there may have been a Canadian move may be the best of the big push from the west. As to that, time will tell.

announcement a day or so ago that we had taken the control dam at the Roer seems to have a bit premature. Today's news within a mile of the dam.

wanted them in our position before hitting the Roer farther down, as once before the dam gates and there opening the dam gates and flooding the front on the French 90 miles of the west (Continued on Page Two)

Marine, Wife to Christen Ship

Mrs. Larry Albritton and her husband, 10, christened today a 10,000-ton cargo ship in the name of their home town, Paducah, Ky., yesterday for Portland, Ore. The Oregon building corporation.

The launching ceremony is to be held today at the shipyard. Mrs. Albritton will smash the bottle of champagne over the bow, naming the vessel Paducah Victory, and Larry will be the principal speaker of occasion.

women marines from the 2nd district recruiting office have been selected as maid of honor for the launching.

June E. Bartell of 1801 S. 12th, who received word from the war department on Tuesday that her husband, Daniel D. Bartell, had been reported missing in action. She was in the 23-year-old pilot of a B-24 since November 1, 1944. She will leave Sunday for the front. She will be with his