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Patton's Army Scores Sweeping Gains

Units Storm Nearer Trier; Win 33 Towns

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, Feb. 22 (AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American third army, running high, wide and handsome again, stormed within five miles of Trier today, crossed the Saar river against disintegrated German resistance and swept up 33 more Nazi towns in the Moselle valley.

Already tanks and infantry were within sight of the main defense works covering Trier, a city of 88,000 and keystone of the whole German defense system before the middle Rhine. They were a mile and a quarter from Konz, site of a large fort at the confluence of the Saar and Moselle rivers.

While Patton's columns advanced three miles or more immediately north of the industrial Saar district, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th army smashed into the district from the south, advancing to within two miles of ruined Saarbruecken, the capital.

His Americans captured half of Forbach, French gateway to Saarbruecken, from raw conscripts of the Volksturm who were bolstered by heavy German weapons. Storied Spichern fell; the Siegfried line was within view.

The Canadian first army in the north pounded to within 2000 yards of bitterly contested Calcar in its drive toward the Ruhr valley.

A report from Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th army group headquarters said German resistance in the Saar-Moselle triangle, now virtually cleared, had "completely disintegrated." The Saar crossing south of Saarburg was unopposed. Saarburg itself was almost cleared. There were indications of a general German withdrawal into the rugged Hochwald.

Despite the spectacular gains of the third army and the slow chipping progress of the British and Canadian troops in the north, it was evident that Gen. Eisenhower had not yet loosed his full scale offensive.

Between these forces was the greatest potential weight on the whole western front—the British second, the American first and ninth armies—still waiting for their hour as the flooded Roer river slowly receded before them.

Reports reaching Bradley's headquarters told of a tremendous explosion just before midnight near the Urftalsperre dam on the Roer headwaters. Its reservoir empties into the larger Schwammenauel lake, now 90 per cent empty. It was not in (Continued on Page Two)

YREKA, Calif., Feb. 22 (AP)—The United States army engineers tucked into their briefcases warnings of the effect on fish life and recreation of any diversion of Klamath river waters as they moved their traveling entourage across the Trinity Alps to Eureka for tomorrow's hearing.

Two state senators, two assemblymen and a state fish and game official were among witnesses who opened fire on all three diversion plans under study by the U. S. engineers.

Correction Eyed
A California Oregon Power company official asserted his firm had postwar plans which would correct the major complaint against present stream flow along the Klamath.

John Boyle of Medford, Ore., vice president and general manager of Copco said a power and stream flow regulatory dam was planned at Iron Gate, six miles (Continued on Page Two)

7000 Planes Blast Reich In Spectacular Bombing

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Allied air forces hit Germany at dozens of places with approximately 7000 planes today. It was the biggest and most spectacular bombardment of the reich.

The onslaught was aimed at knocking out the Nazi communications network serving both the eastern and western fronts.

Explosives cascaded upon German targets at the rate of 100 tons a minute.

Spearsheading the force was a new idea mapped by allied air chiefs in readiness for clear weather—more than 1400 U. S. Fortresses and Liberators and 800 fighters attacked a middle reich rectangle the size and shape of Indiana extending from

Hannover on eastward almost to Berlin and from Nuernberg north of Luebeck bay.

Two divisions of this huge fleet poured into Germany from the north and a third from the south. These broke up into packs of up to 100 bombers each, which struck at least 24 freight yards and other rail targets in the heart of the reich during the noon hour.

The eighth air force bombers were assigned to an area of 38,000 square miles.

Within this area the bomber packs planted more than 14,000 500-pound high explosive bombs on at least 14 railyards, each located at a junction of two or more main rail routes.

High military staffs were evacuated from Berlin in haste last week and the capital is supposed to be declared a fortress soon. Whether the government will remain in Berlin is uncertain, but it seems improbable since all civilian life is to be placed under military authority.

The government was evacuated in part after the last heavy daylight raid on February 3. For some time it had been functioning only formally in the devastated government quarter. Several ministries were laid in ruins that bloody Saturday as a result of the American carpet bombing, and long into the night workers sought to recover archives from the ruins.

The same scene was enacted outside Hitler's chancellory, which though blasted often, never was fully laid in ruins.

barricades are so thick it is difficult to pass them.

When the Russians come they must count on heavy anti-tank fire from each barricade. If everything goes "according to plan," one may predict Berlin's conquest will require six to eight weeks.

Heavy Casualties Mark Battle For Iwo Jima



The bodies of two U. S. marines lie where they fell on shell-blasted sand of Iwo Jima beach, mute evidence of ferocity of battle for vital island that rivals that of Tarawa. Photo radioed from Guam to San Francisco by U. S. navy radio-telephoto.

Manila Hotel Battle Site; Nips Kill Selves on 'Rock'

By FRED HAMPSON

MANILA, Feb. 22 (AP)—Only scattered enemy remnants were left on Corregidor today but fanatically resisting Japanese troops still held out on the second floor of the famed Manila hotel, turning the hostelry into the hottest battle spot in the capital city at dawn today.

Early front line reports that elements of the first cavalry division had captured the big hotel, one of the most luxurious in the Orient, have been corrected to say that they have occupied the first floor, the Japanese the second.

Bataan Cleared
Historic Bataan was cleared of Japanese, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported, and "so far as can be found, no living Japanese soldier is now on the peninsula."

Hopelessly sealed in the vast network of tunnels on Corregidor, Nipponese troops blew themselves up by touching off one of their main underground ammunition dumps.

Typical of the bitter inch-by-inch struggle for downtown Manila was the battle through most of the night between the Yanks and Japanese on the second floor of the Manila hotel, where a continual fight to the death went on in the corridors and rooms and on the staircases of the building which stands on Manila's south shore district.

137 Killed
A succession of Japanese infiltration attempts resulted in the killing of 137 of the enemy around the captured army-navy facility, at a cost of \$15,125.

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Construction Approved for Air Facility
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OPA OPPOSES RE-HEARING FOR RULINGS

Staggering of Cafe Suspensions Eyed

The Portland district OPA office today advised the Herald and News that it had recommended staggering suspensions of two leading Klamath Falls restaurants, but was not in favor of granting a re-hearing of the cases.

Cecilia P. Gallagher, OPA attorney, who conducted hearings here recently when a number of local restaurants were charged and found guilty of obtaining meats without exchange of red points, said from her Portland office:

"No Grounds"
"We have filed a brief pointing out that Klamath Billiards and Hershberger's have not shown additional evidence and that conditions and circumstances now are the same as at the hearing, and in this light there are no grounds for a re-hearing."

A. W. Schupp, attorney for Klamath Billiards and Hershberger, (Continued on Page Two)

YANKS BOMB JAP PRISONER SHIP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—American bombs sank a Japanese ship loaded with 1600 Americans off the Philippines last December, and of the few survivors, Navy Lt. George Karl Petritz, told of the sinking at a news conference today.

The navy said his was the first account of the disaster, which occurred off the west coast of Luzon.

Two previous prison ship sinkings—both by submarine action—have been reported in the Pacific. One occurred last October with the apparent loss of all but five of 1800 Americans aboard.

In the other, in September, only 83 of 750 allied prisoners survived.

Petritz, 27, of Rockford, Ill., told reporters few of the prisoners involved in the latest sinking died as a result of the air attack.

Some already had suffocated and 90 per cent would have died anyway had not the ship been sunk, he asserted.

Barman Outdoes Saint Bernards

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Lt. John Brabham, 22, of Forest Grove, Ore., was returning through heavy fog from a reconnaissance flight over central Germany when his instruments went dead.

Brabham bailed out and landed in the backyard of a London pub.

The bartender rushed out and handed the airman a glass of whiskey, surprising Brabham to such an extent that he declined it.

The plane crashed some distance away, slightly damaging a residence.

'Dirty Liar' Charge Spurs Battle Between Democrats

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Two democrats locked in a brief struggle on the house floor today after Rep. Hook (D-Mich.) called Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) a "dirty liar."

"I don't take that talk from anyone," shouted the small, white-haired Rankin as he dashed across the aisle to lock his arms around Hook's neck.

The two struggled for almost a minute before fellow congressmen separated them.

Friends of Rankin immediately set out to invoke disciplinary action against Hook.

Rep. Cox (D-Ga.) told a reporter that "a resolution is being drafted to expel Hook or suspend his membership."

He said it probably would be submitted some time this afternoon.

Rep. Smith (D-Va.) also said "something will be done this afternoon."

Hook's remarks were stricken from the record at the direction of Rep. Ramspeck (D-Ga.), the democratic whip who was presiding.

The clash occurred while Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) was delivering a speech denouncing the CIO political action committee.

3RD MARINES LAND ON ISLE, BEGIN DRIVE

Casualties Rise to 4553; 385 Die In Battle

By AL DOPKING
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, Feb. 22 (AP) (Via Navy Radio)—United States fleet units in the vicinity of Iwo Jima have sustained some damage from attacks by Japanese fighters and bombers, Japanese counterattacks have been beaten back and U. S. marine casualties have risen to 4553 in the desperate battle for the island. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The attack by Japanese planes was the first against the surface units since the battle for the island 750 miles south of Tokyo began. Seven of the enemy planes were shot down. Nimitz did not elaborate on the extent of damage or the type of ships hit.

385 Killed
The casualties include 385 killed and 4168 wounded in action up to 5:45 p. m. last night.

Japanese counterattacks accompanied by numerous attempts at infiltration of our lines were beaten back during the night and the leathernecks, strengthened by the U. S. third marine division which landed yesterday, launched attacks both to the north and south against the divided forces of the enemy.

Advance in Rain
The northward drive toward the central Iwo airfield met heavy resistance from small arms, mortars and automatic weapons. At noon the troops advancing slowly through hard rain, had knocked out numerous enemy gun positions and generally weakened enemy defenses.

There was little change in front-line positions. Nimitz' communique admitted, however:

Assault Suribachi
Forces facing Mt. Suribachi, volcanic Japanese fortress on the southern tip of the island, coordinated their drive with the northern troops and by noon were beginning an assault on the face of the cliff, under most difficult combat conditions.

Heavy naval gunfire continued to pound enemy-held positions (Continued on Page Two)

Former SP Man Killed in Action

Sgt. Howard E. Crews, 33, for one year employed as fireman with the Southern Pacific railroad here, was killed in action January 5, in the Luxembourg area, according to word received here by friends. Crews was an infantryman.

Crews came to Klamath Falls from southern California, where he had been employed for 13 years with the Union Pacific. During his residence here, Crews made his home at 336 Broad. He is survived by three children living in California.

FDR to Visit France, England

PARIS, Feb. 22 (AP)—The United States embassy here has disclosed that President Roosevelt plans to visit France for a conference with Gen. De Gaulle in the late spring or early summer and will probably go to England on the same trip.

The announcement was made yesterday after U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery returned to Paris from a meeting with the president near Algiers.

ASSAULT ON ZINTEN, NEISSE

Fighting Now Going On In Stronghold

ON, Feb. 22 (AP)—The German captured Zinten, Gornhold 17 miles south of Koenigsberg, the Russian announced tonight. The communists declared the town had reached the Neisse on a broad front south of a German hinge point 51 miles southeast of Berlin, which broadcasts said red army already had entered.

Fighting is going on in the area, a German communique said.

Previously reported by the Russians, announced gains up to the Neisse and the Neisse and

German last night. The Russians had fought Zinten, but were forced to withdraw.

Assault Launched
Ernst Von Hammer, Bergronator, said a new assault was launched upon the town this morning.

East Prussia, Von Hammer reported, Russian pressure increased to the greatest in more than 200 soldiers joining the assault.

Zinten, 17 miles south of Gornhold, and 15 miles from the Neisse, had been evacuated by the Russians.

The Russians scored new gains in the face of heavy German counterattacks west of Gornhold.

Berlin radio said a surprise attack on Page Two)

Proportionment Proposed

Cornett

LEM, Feb. 22 (AP)—The legislature braced itself for another fight over reapportionment when Senator L. Cornett, Klamath Falls, said he would introduce a bill next Monday to split the 19th district, which covers Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties and which is controlled by Sen. Rex Ellis, Umatilla.

Similar bill failed last session.

Deschutes, Jefferson, and Lake counties. He put Klamath and Lake in one district, leaving the other counties in the present district.

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