

ST ARMY BATTLES IN COLOGNE

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Weather News
 March 5, 1945
 Max. (March 4) 43 Min. 28
 Precipitation last 24 hours None
 Stream year to date 5.95
 Normal 8.25 Last year 5.61
 Forecast: Slightly warmer.

Capture of 4th Largest City Looms

PARIS, March 5 (AP)—First army tanks fought a mile deep inside Cologne tonight, driving through the Bickendorf northern section within 2½ miles of the towering cathedral at the heart of the great Rhineland metropolis.

Infantry of the 104th division moved in from the west and capture of Germany's fourth city was expected by Thursday morning at the latest.

Tanks and infantry, moving through acid smoke curling from ruins levelled by a wheel-to-wheel artillery barrage, slowly closed in on the old part of the city, leaving behind railyards and some of the vast array of factories.

The Germans, hard pressed by the ninth army to the north, had blown up all bridges across the river from Neuss to Homberg, suburbs of Duesseldorf and Duisburg, and left only one railroad crossing at Wesel in operation.

Ninth army tanks fought into Orsoy, 10 miles south of Wesel, and shelled Germans trying to ferry the wide and deep river. Other elements moved within two miles of Rhineberg, capturing Linfort. The Germans were leaving the Wesel pocket, which is expected to be erased within two days.

A news blackout, similar to the one which shrouded ninth army breakthrough to the Rhine, was clamped on by the U. S. third army drive toward the middle Rhine and Coblenz, 45 miles away.

Tanks and infantry of the first army stormed into Cologne at 7:10 a. m.

The whole first army front moved forward from one to four miles on its front just south of Duesseldorf to the spurs of the Eifel mountains on approaches to the middle Rhine.

It reached the Rhine for a new stand just south of Duesseldorf, capturing Grimlinghausen. There they were fired upon by men in civilian clothes—a group including 19 Poles, 18 Russians, three Yugoslavs and 18 Germans. All were carted to prison cages and uncertain fates.

The final assault started in the cold darkness of 4 a. m.

Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose's third armored division passed the city limits, striking from the north through the suburb of Bockelmuend. There the tanks were about three miles from the towering Gothic cathedral at the heart of Cologne, long the most ravaged city of the Rhineland.

House-to-house fighting was touched off quickly, AP correspondent Don Whitehead, with the first army, reported.

Cologne lay under a pall of smoke. The thunder of battle was rolling across the city in increasing fury as the Americans closed in for the kill on the 11th day of their great drive from the Oder river, 21 miles behind.

VINSON NOMINATED FOR LOAN POSITION

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Fred M. Vinson, economic stabilization director, was nominated today by President Roosevelt to be federal loan administrator.

Vinson thus succeeds Jesse Jones as head of the loan agencies handling billions of dollars. They were severed from the commerce department so they could not come under the jurisdiction of Henry A. Wallace. Before the senate confirmed Wallace for secretary of commerce, special legislation returned the federal loan administration to an independent status.

Former Congressman Vinson, a former member of congress from Kentucky and a former justice of the United States circuit court for the District of Columbia, Vinson has been stabilization director since James F. Byrnes gave up the post. Byrnes moved into the position of war mobilization director.

Immediate senate reaction to Vinson's nomination indicated quick confirmation.

Back in Vinson's case, Chairman Bailey (D-N.C.) of the commerce department, who had opposed giving Wallace the loan agencies, said: "Judge Vinson is a very fine and able man, and I shall vote for his confirmation."

Senator Pepper (D-Ela.), who for a time led a senate fight against President Roosevelt's recent state department nominations, commented: "I think the president has made a splendid choice. The appointment will meet with great satisfaction in congress and in the country generally."

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) said he was pleased that Mr. Roosevelt had selected Vinson.

Hill Position Taken by Yanks

ROME, March 5 (AP)—American fifth army troops have captured another dominating hill position—Monte Carlo Croce—and further improved their position west of the Bologna-Pistoia highway with the capture of several small villages, allied headquarters announced today.

On the Adriatic sector of the Italian front eighth army units comprised of Italian infantry and British artillery and tanks have further cleared the forests south of the Po Di Primaro river, taking another 200 prisoners.

Actress' Mother Found Dead

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—Mrs. Arno Merkel, 70, was found dead in her gas filled kitchen today and her daughter, Stage and Screen Actress Una Merkel Bula, 41, was found unconscious in the bedroom of their 16th floor apartment in Central Park South.

The actress was revived by an inhalator squad in half an hour. Doctors at Roosevelt hospital said Miss Merkel would not see any more. She was expected to remain in the hospital several days. Police said they hoped to be able to question her in an attempt to learn the motive for the mother's act.

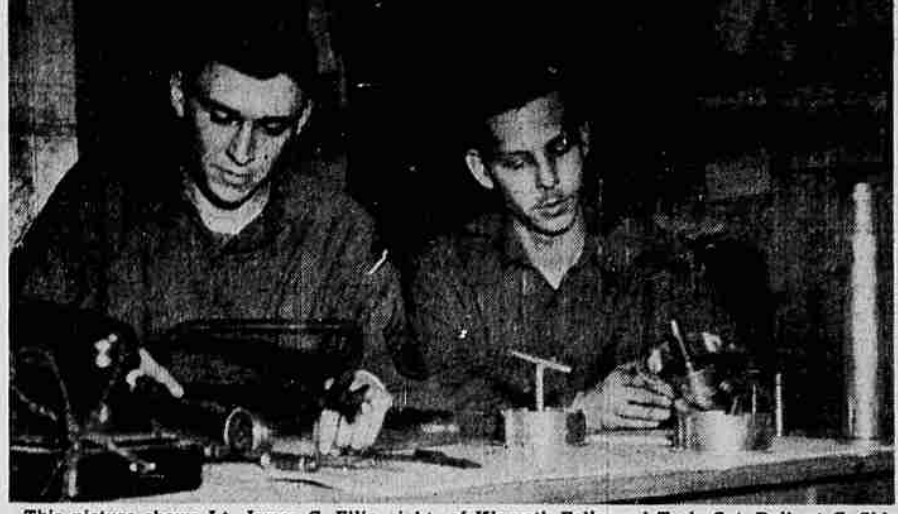
Police of the West 54th street station said the mother had committed suicide and that the daughter was overcome accidentally.

Capture of Palawan Expands U. S. Control



Distance arcs show relation of newly-captured Palawan island to the Asia mainland and the Japanese-held Netherlands East Indies. Far to the northeast U. S. marines were advancing against the Japanese on tiny Iwo Jima. (AP wirephoto map).

Making Use of Spare Time and Spare German Shells



This picture shows Lt. James C. Ellis, right, of Klamath Falls, and Tech. Sgt. Delbert C. Shipman, Winner, S. D., making ash trays in their spare time from empty German 88 mm. artillery shells at the message center of the 78th signal company, 78th division, in Germany.

Doughboys Advance Deeper To North on Luzon Island

By FRED HAMPSON
 MANILA, March 5 (AP)—American doughboys pushed deeper today into the mountains of northern Luzon, reportedly headquarters stronghold of Japanese Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, as Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed that Filipino guerrillas had cleared one entire northern province of Nipponese troops.

Other Americans overcame the last Japanese resistance in Manila, continued their eastward pressure to secure the city's water supply area and occupied two more Philippine islands.

Scores Gains
 MacArthur's communique said units of the 25th and 32nd divisions of Maj. Gen. Innis P. Swift's first corps had made new gains in the northern mountains along the Baletta pass road, the Villa Verde trail and the Ambayabang river.

These spearheads were eastward-south of Baguio, the Philippine summer capital. Yamashita, "The Tiger" conqueror of Singapore, was reported weeks ago to have withdrawn there to direct the "last stand" defense of the Philippines.

Battle Nips
 Other first corps units have been engaging the Japanese for days in the vicinity of Rosario, some 25 or 30 miles southwest of Baguio.

The guerrillas, under Col. R. W. Volkman, struck in the north coast province of Ilocos Norte. MacArthur said there "irregular type of fighting" baffled the Japanese, who suffered "extraordinarily heavy losses, running into the thousands." Volkman, a regular army officer, became a guerrilla leader in 1942.

The new landings on the Sibuyan sea islands of Tacao and Burias, announced by MacArthur Saturday, flanked the Japanese positions on Luzon's southern Bicol peninsula.

ARGENTINA PUZZLE SPLITS CONFERENCE

By FLORA LEWIS
 MEXICO CITY, March 5 (AP)—Leading delegates to the Inter-American conference have split over two ideas on what to do about Argentina.

A small group has been working informally on the Argentine problem, and it was learned authoritatively that they agreed on the basic approach towards Argentina but are floundering for a method of handling it.

Wants Study
 One side wants to appoint a commission here to study Argentina's diplomatic isolation after this conference ends.

The other side believes that the matter should be referred back to the Pan-American union as a whole, and debated there more leisurely.

A decision is hoped for tonight or tomorrow, but at any event, the discussion means that the conference can not end before Thursday, because it seems unlikely that the Argentine matter will be put before all the delegates until the small group has reached agreement.

Statement Set
 They have decided to put out a statement on Argentina, which will make it clear that the American republics await a solution to come from Buenos Aires and do not intend to compromise with the government of General Edelmiro Farrell.

Sgt. of the main difficulties in writing the statement, however, is to find a way of making it possible.

PROPERTY, SMOKE TAXES PROPOSED

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.
 SALEM, March 5 (AP)—The house taxation and revenue committee voted unanimously today to introduce three bills to levy a 5-mill two-year property tax for building programs for the state board of higher education and state institutions, and to tax cigarettes two cents a package to give schools \$2,000,000 more a year.

The measures would be referred to the people at a special election on June 22, when other measures submitted to the people by the legislature also would be on the ballot.

Bill Proposed
 The committee also decided to introduce a third bill to boost (Continued on Page Two)

Logging Crews Begin Work In Northern Part of County

Big Lakes Box company of Klamath Falls sent its crews into the woods of northern Klamath county late last week, and logging operations got underway in earnest for the 1945 season.

The company has completed hauling some 5,000,000 feet of logs decked at Chinchalo. These logs are now in the pond at the mill here, and will supply the saws until March 14, when cutting on the new timber will begin. First logs from the new cut will be hauled into Chinchalo siding on March 12.

Camp Set Up
 A camp for company employes has been established at Chinchalo. Some of the men employed by the firm live at Fort Klamath and drive back and forth from the logging operations, which are on Rogue river national forest land.

Big Lakes has operated its mill on two shifts steadily for 14 months.

Logging operations which have continued through this winter have had little snow to cope with, timber men said today.

Maintains Logging
 Weyerhaeuser has maintained its railroad logging at both Camps 4 and 6, moving logs steadily to the big mill on Klamath river west of town. Weyerhaeuser is running two shifts.

A number of other firms are reported lining up new supplies of timber for the 1945 cut.

Dodge Strike Ended by Union

DETROIT, March 5 (AP)—Production of bomber plane and tank parts was resumed in six Chrysler corporation plants today as an eight-day strike at the corporation's Dodge main plant was ended. The union decision to end the strike called approximately 25,000 workers back to their jobs.

Direct appeals from the war labor board and Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson preceded the action of Local 3, United Auto Workers, CIO, in calling off the strike at the Dodge plant.

A second major Detroit labor dispute—involving 11,150 workers at the Detroit and Evansville, Ind., plants of the Briggs Manufacturing company—continued, but union officials forecast an early end to the trouble.

United Nations, Except Poland, to Attend Confab

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—The government announced today that all United Nations except Poland are being asked to attend the world security conference at San Francisco.

If all accept as expected this will mean an attendance of 44 nations.

By a last minute hitch France refrained from joining in sponsoring the conference. This leaves sponsorship to the United States, Russia, China and Britain.

France, the official announcement said, had agreed to participate in the conference but felt that, partly because she had not helped work out the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, she should not join in sponsoring the invitations.

The voting procedure agreed on by Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill at Yalta to fill the last big gap in the Dumbarton Oaks plan also was announced.

In substance it provides that a small nation may have the right to bring charges against a great power and get them heard by the proposed world security council even though the great power itself may object.

Veto Power
 However, on any vote to decide that a great power was threatening the peace, or to take action against that power, each of the five great nations would have, in effect, a veto.

The state department announcement coincided with Senator Vandenberg's acceptance of President Roosevelt's invitation to be a delegate to the conference, thereby completing the American delegation of eight.

Limited Gains Made By Marines On Iwo; Jap Charge Repulsed

By LEIF ERICKSON
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, March 5 (AP)—U. S. marines made limited gains in northern Iwo Jima Sunday and hurled back a Japanese counterattack in which hundreds of screaming Japanese were killed. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Enemy dead numbered 12,854 as of 8 p. m. Saturday, out of an estimated garrison of 20,000. There were 81 prisoners, the majority Korean laborers.

In bloody hand-to-hand fighting the battle-worn leathernecks of Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates' fourth division continued their tortuous advance over terrain which Nimitz described as "naturally suited to defensive operations."

The fourth division is on the east flank of the irregular battle line. There Japanese resistance has been exceptionally stiff. The fifth division is on the west flank. In the center of the line, driving a wedge toward Iwo's northern tip—a wedge that would split the Japanese in two and isolate them on the northwest and northeast coasts—is the third division of Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine.

The tired marines, however, could see for what they were fighting and for what their commander had in mind.

2050 DEVILDOGS DIE
 WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Navy Secretary Forrestal said today 2050 marines had been killed on Iwo Jima but that the loss was not out of proportion to the importance of taking the island.

rades had died. A B-29, returning from a Tokyo raid, landed on the southern bomber field. Repairs were made to the fuel line and the plane continued back to its Marianas base.

Almost half of the B-29 losses in the Japanese empire strikes from the Marianas have resulted from crash landings on the last lap of the long 1500 mile homeward flight. Now cripples can stop at Iwo. Also low's airfields will mean substantially increased bomb loads for the sky giants.

Compressed into an ever-tightening area on Iwo's northern end, the cornered Japanese are fighting with untamed fury. Marines capturing a gun or pillbox or blockhouse find the garrison resisting to the death, reported Associated Press War Correspondent James Lindsley.

Attesting to the fierceness of the day's fight, Nimitz reported that the lines of battle were "substantially unchanged" and enemy resistance was "stiffening in all sectors" and "small arms fire mounting in intensity."

The fifth division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, hurled back the Japanese counterattack.

BALTIC PORT SHELLED BY RED TROOPS

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
 LONDON, March 5 (AP)—Marshal Gregory Zhukov's forces threw the Germans back upon the gates of Stettin today. They captured Stargard, fortress junction 19 miles east, and began shelling the suburbs of Berlin's chief Baltic port.

Marshal Stalin and the Germans announced the fall of Stargard. Stalin said a string of other points "in the Stettin direction" including Naugard, had been occupied in a nine-mile advance from Daber.

Drives Menace
 Russian penetrations to the Baltic had snapped a triple lock on an estimated 200,000 Germans caught in three coastal pockets extending 150 miles from Kolberg to Danzig. Powerful new drives threatened to sweep the Germans out of all Pomerania in short order.

Advanced units already were in sight of Stettin bay.

Two Russian spearheads on the Baltic near Kolberg and at Koelsin have been supplemented by a third farther east between Koelsin and Schlawe, the Germans reported.

Brief Battle
 Stargard, one of the most important outer defenses of Stettin, was taken after a brief street fight, Berlin announced, by Zhukov's first White Russian army. Capture of the city of 35,000 knocked down one of the chief obstacles to a direct Russian attack upon Stettin, under threat from Russian forces which had approached to within 14 miles on the south and were now in position to push upon the city from the northeast.

Robert Shaw Hurt in Action

Information has been received here by relatives that Robert C. Shaw, formerly of Tionesta, has been wounded in Belgium and is now in a hospital in Paris.

Sgt. Shaw is a nephew of J. R. Shaw, head of the Shaw Lumbar company. He received shrapnel wounds.

Friends of young Shaw who wish to write him can reach him by this address: Sgt. Robert Shaw, No. 39341007, Co. G, 333 Infantry, APO 84, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Bombers Assail Rail Network

LONDON, March 5 (AP)—Four hundred U. S. heavy bombers from Britain assaulted the railway network at Chemnitz and oil refineries at Harburg this morning in the 21st straight day of sustained aerial offensive.

The eighth air force bombers were escorted by 600 Mustangs and Thunderbolts which fanned out, seeking German trains and road convoys.

About 250 RAF heavy bombers made a concentrated daylight attack on the benzol plant at Gelsenkirchen just behind the Germans' Rhine front.

Evacuation of Civilians Begins

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur has begun evacuating civilians from the Philippine islands.

This was announced today by state and war departments which said that the removal of these people from the islands would take place as rapidly as the military situation there permits, and as space becomes available for transport.

Relatives of repatriates will be notified as they reach this country but no advance information will be given as to time or place of arrival.

Stripping Oregon at Anchor In Pacific Island Inlet

stripping dock on the Columbia river from Portland, where it had been a shrine.

The hull was left on a sandbar at Vancouver, Wash., was later towed to the western Pacific. It carried 1400 tons of dynamite, and a false rumor spread that she was to be blown right into Tokyo harbor and towed up.

Former Memorial
 Out here Capt. Ward F. Stieglitz, formerly of Aberdeen, Wash., now a chief staff officer in a service squadron, stared at the hulk and recalled that his daughter Joanna used to save her money to help maintain the Oregon as a memorial at Portland.

The Oregon made history in a dash from the west coast around Cape Horn in the Spanish-American war to join in the battle against the Spanish fleet at Santiago.

FRANK JENKINS

ING into Washington. The couple of hundred miles of the roughest in America. you arrive, you feel like just come off a roller

the New Deal boys and it they way—figuring they could catch 'em a dizzy on arrival they could 'em better.

Not just spring—RAINING! And warm—the 60's, and would be but for the sudden sky, following a warm wave all

Chicago yesterday, the boasted on its front of a robin and a couple of birds, and in Washington morning the Times-Herald one better with a dozen

on the front page—war or no war news.

ROUGH the station and out

to the taxi ramp, with the coming in waves. That's they work it here. A or so drive in, stop and all at once, then drive another line comes in

like a course, just grab don't get going, as in the you wait until you see that is going your way, morning they were all going

Chase or Silver Springs Georgetown, or some place out in the edges. Those who were trying to get to town hotels stood and

of their fingernails. It was moment, because it we in time we could take

of the early checkout, as if we were late we'd wait for the noon crop, were late and waited. The thing that is worse than

for somebody else to out of a hotel room so you get in to walk the streets the grim knowledge that

is GOING to check out.

the taxi was finally

led, it developed that most passengers were traveling coming here to sell goods

to merchants. Some fact involved a jolt of

It must be quite true

Washington people consume and wear clothes, with the that, the stores of these

odities have to be renewed time to time. But one just

thinks of it in that way.

casual assumption is that come to Washington only something out of the gov-

of the traveling men

don't have a hotel reservation. He had been routed in suddenly only last night, that it wasn't worth

of that short notice. But an opinionist. He had been

charlams before and had managed to wiggle his

He had angles. "I got into Chicago a while

without a room," he ex-

to the rest of us, "and

own was full and running

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going to sleep in the street,

remembered that so-and-so

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over your room."

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with a friend, and he

that would be all right but

your friend? I told him

he looked it up and said:

you can't; he has only a

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of the Pacific Fleet HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, March 5

the northwest's own battle-

the storied Oregon—lies

anchor in a little inlet

coral reefs at a Pacific

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and—still alive.

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Oregon Stripped
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Oregon was moved to a