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Forecast: Light rain tonight and Saturday.

...y's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SHINGTON— The President's press conference that held the morning after his n-from-Yalta address to con- was heavily attended. He times lets go something hot ese affairs, and it was a nable guess that this might ne of the times. All the lars were on hand early. om a news standpoint, it ed out to be a dud. Nothing y particular importance was d loose.

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ESE affairs are usually in- llectual fencing matches in h the keen-witted White e correspondents seek to get gh FDR's nonchalant and nair but nevertheless highly tive guard, hoping to pink in a spot from which news flow.

normally loves this flash- give and take, and no one ts that this is one reason he continues these confer- through the years—for ness knows they are barren gh of real news develop- , which are now generally out in other ways.

is morning he is obviously cupied, and there is little e usual kidding by-play.

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E President's address to con- ress the day before was not ws report. He told nothing was not already pretty well n. The formal statement out at the end of the Yalta ference and Churchill's h to the house of commons disclosed all the news the d is to get for the present. DR was editorializing. He giving opinions, rather than These shrewd reporters conference knew all this knew that back of the dams d by statecraft and diplo- at Yalta there is a flood of ating inside detail—such as Russia wants or DE- DS, what Britain wants, the United States is doing it—and they knew that 's job is to hold his finger leak in the dam.

ey were trying to DIS- CT him, in the hope that he take his finger away for tant and let some of this p detail spurt out.

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EY didn't get very far. In sponse to searching ques- about reparations, he did rk that it "might be a good to get some German sol- and ex-soldiers to go into a and clean up some of the ge that had been done.

at is about all in the way of mation (or, rather, near- mation) that came out. It d to confirm that Russia is ing use of forced German to repair the damage that ans have wrought in Rus-

re were some questions Poland and the Baltic and what Russia is plan- to do with them and what ught to do about it, but the dent parried them all skil-

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SHINGTON is acutely in- erested in what is to be in the way of heading up oan agencies that were pried from the department of merce as the price of Wal-

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...bs Sink 12 ...emy Vessels

ASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) d States submarines have 12 more enemy vessels, in- g an escort carrier and a oyer, in far eastern waters, avy announced today.

e announcement raised to the total of enemy vessels types sunk by U. S. sub- bles, including 112 combat 945 non-combatant craft.

Mindanao Invaded By Yanks, Say Nips

By JAMES HUTCHESON

MANILA, March 9 (AP)—Americans have landed on Mindanao, second largest of the Philippines, said an unconfirmed Tokyo radio broadcast heard in London today. An earlier report by Tokyo said U. S. warships were shelling Zamboanga, on the southwestern tip of Mindanao, but "no landings had been made up to Thursday night."

American forces on Luzon were closing in on Baguio, summer capital of the commonwealth, and widening their holdings on the south coast.

The severe wounding of Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge, commander of the first cavalry division, was made known today. He was wounded on the battlefront northeast of Manila February 28 by a grenade thrown by a Japanese soldier who had been left for dead.

Fragments hit the veteran cavalryman in the abdomen, but the medical staff said his recovery was certain.

Tokyo radio said warships had been bombarding Zamboanga, on the southwest tip of Mindanao, since early Thursday in what "is believed to be a prelude to a landing attempt." Zamboanga has good air bases.

Mindanao, second largest island in the Philippines, has been bombed heavily by American planes for months. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today told of a 129-ton bombing of Zamboanga barracks and supply areas by bombers of all sizes.

MacArthur reported that 33rd division Yanks on Luzon advanced 12 miles up the west coast to capture Aringay, due west of Baguio. This gave the Americans control of a line reaching within 10 miles of the summer capital.

An American force was last reported within five miles of Baguio on the south, moving north from camp four.

On the south coast of Luzon, Yanks of the 11th airborne division and the 158th regiment of the eighth army captured the town of Lemery in a 13-mile sweep eastward along a good highway fringing Balayan bay.

This increased the pressure on Japanese who are being cut off from escape routes in southern Luzon.

REDS ENTER KUESTRIN FOR SECOND TIME

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

LONDON, March 9 (AP)—The troops of Marshal Gregory Zhukov in their offensive toward Berlin have fought into Kuestrin a second time, the Germans reported today, and a bitter battle is raging in the ancient streets of the Oder river fortress.

Russian tanks and infantry attacked 17 times from the northwestern part of the city—which the Germans said yesterday had been bypassed on the north and south by the Russians who had driven across the Oder to within 25 miles of Berlin—but were finally driven back to the suburbs, a German broadcast announced.

Kuestrin, 39 miles east of Berlin, was first reported penetrated about a month ago, before the momentum of Zhukov's drive from Warsaw was spent.

Not Confirmed

The Russians, however, had not yet confirmed officially the crossing of the Oder — an an-

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SCANDAL BREAKS IN CCC OPERATION

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) House discussion of alleged irregularities in connection with commodity credit corporation operations brought a disclosure today that three employes already have been "separated" from the agency.

Frank Hancock, head of the CCC, told reporters the employes were separated as a result of investigations since he took charge last January 1.

Inquiry Underway

The CCC, Hancock said, is conducting its own investigation and in addition, Marvin Jones, war food administrator, has requested an inquiry by the FBI.

"Judge Jones intends, and I intend, to see that the CCC is operated properly and on a business-like basis," Hancock added.

"Make Millions"

Hancock sat in the house gallery as Representatives Taber of New York and Keefe of Wisconsin, republicans, told of alleged operations which Keefe said resulted in "people on the in" making "millions and millions of dollars" in grain market speculation.

Taber and Keefe demanded a congressional investigation as the house began considering legislation to boost the CCC's borrowing power and extend its life.

HOUSE WORKS ON TAXATION PROGRAM

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.

SALEM, March 9 (AP) — The house started moving its taxation program toward the senate today, approving unanimously a bill to refer to the people a 5-mill two-year property tax to raise $10,000 for new buildings for higher education and state institutions, and passing 55 to 1 a bill to increase from $5,000,000 to $6,000,000 the annual amount given to school districts to reduce property taxes.

Still to be considered later today are a bill to refer to the people a 2-cent cigaret tax to give schools $2,000,000 additional each year, and a measure fixing June 22 as the date for a special election to consider the cigaret and property tax measure.

Measure Lost

The education forces lost 30 to 26 a move to throw the house into a committee of the whole to raise the amount of surplus income tax revenues to be given to schools from the $8,000,000 in the bill to $10,000,000.

The motion was made by Rep. Lyle Thomas, Dallas, chairman of the house education committee, who said the move would give the schools the extra $5,000,000 a year they ask, and not make school children dependent upon cigaret revenues for their education. He predicted the people would defeat the cigaret tax, and advocated that if they pass it, the revenues go into the general fund.

Building Funds

The 5-mill tax on property probably never would be levied, since surplus income tax revenues are expected to cancel it. The bill would give $4,000,000 for college and university buildings, plus $1,000,000 for this purpose to be appropriated by the legislature; and $6,000,000 for new buildings at state institutions.

Rep. John R. Snellstrom, Eugene, who explained the bill, said the building programs are far behind, and "now is the proper time to put them over so construction can start soon after the war."

JAPS CONTEST MARINE PUSH ON IWO JIMA

By MORRIE LANDSBERG

ABOARD ADMIRAL TURNER'S EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FLAGSHIP, IWO JIMA, March 9 (Via Navy Radio) (AP)—Japanese remnants contested the American advance "rock by rock" today in the slow moving continuation of the marine effort to dislodge the enemy from sheltered positions in the rugged northern part of Iwo Jima.

The marines have all of the island with the exception of the extreme northern end and a sector several thousand yards long on the northeast coast.

Small Gains

The fifth, third and fourth marine divisions, stretched across the island in that order, reported only small gains in fighting yesterday.

The enemy was surprised temporarily by a marine attack but rallied in time to impede the push by leathernecks seeking to squeeze out Japanese troops in the two main sectors of the north.

The fourth division on the northeast coast reported some Japanese withdrawing from caves on their immediate front where the opposition has been continuously heavy.

Heavy Fire

Fifth division men were slowly reducing enemy pillboxes but were subjected to heavy mortar fire. Tanks were called in to help knock out the positions from where the fire was coming.

The fierce battle for Iwo Jima is assuming the pattern of the final phases of American conquests of other Pacific islands—but it may be several days before correspondents can flash "Iwo secured."

Today's communique disclosed small gains which at one point saw the third marine division gaining a cliff top only 300 yards from the northeast coast.

Urocyon Cinereorgentatus

That is Webster's word for these little foxes who have weathered the winter well at Moore park with plenty of unrationed meat.

Park's Birds, Beasts Fare Well During Winter, Report

By JOY BIGGS

The birds and beasts and flowers have fared well in Moore park this winter, according to B. F. Stott, caretaker.

The temperature went down to 6 degrees above zero one night and one morning it seemed colder than that, Stott said, but it hasn't gone below all winter.

There has been no loss of birds or animals through winter cold, and although there are more birds than last fall the animals number the same.

Men at Work

With one assistant, R. W. Baker, Stott has fed and tended the livestock. Checking them twice a day with two feedings and cleaning cages and attending to repairs has kept the two men busy.

Four types of deer, blacktail, mule, a spotted Japanese variety and white fellow deer from England, live in sanctuary in the park.

At present there are foxes, badgers, coon, bobcats and bears among the animals. The bears do not hibernate during the winter in the park grounds. Among the fowl are 14 varieties of pheasants, Indian blue and white peacocks, wild geese of the lesser Canadian varieties, white fronts and cacklers, and wild mallards.

Lilacs in Bud

The plants and flowers have fared exceptionally well this winter, Stott notes, with lilacs showing buds since the warmer weather recently.

The animals under Stott's and Baker's care perhaps owe their luxuriant winter coats to plenty of meat on their diets, for which no red points are required.

MANDALAY SCENE OF BITTER BATTLE

CALCUTTA, India, March 9 (AP) — Hand-to-hand fighting raged in three sections of Mandalay today as British and Indian troops surged another mile into the heart of Burma's second city.

After 30 hours continuous fighting in the city, forward elements of the British 14th army reached the area of government house beside Fort Dufferin.

Other battles raged on the race course and on Pagoda hill east of the city, and some troops had penetrated into the area of the rifle range between Pagoda hill and the race course.

Fort Dufferin is inside the old walls of the city of 135,000. In the center of the area stands the

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Dehlinger Bridge Construction Underway Here

Construction of the proposed Dehlinger bridge across Lost river in the Mt. Laki district, was under way this week at an approximate cost of $11,000.

The one-span bridge will probably be ready for use in late summer, County Judge U. E. Reeder said today, but until the new bridge is completed the old span will be used although it has been condemned for some time.

A dragline crew has been working to cut one main channel in Lost river and as soon as the crew completes this project, the bridge crew will get to work.

Third Army Dominates North Area

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, March 9 (AP)—The American first army steadily enlarged its Remagen bridgehead in inner Germany today to an east bank wedge at least five miles deep and 10 wide.

Edward D. Ball, AP war correspondent, reported the U. S. third army won domination of the Rhine north of Coblenz tonight by capturing the ferry terminal of Andernach and the town of Brohl, eight miles south of Remagen.

Daring armored infantrymen of the ninth armored division captured the double-tracked Ludendorff railroad bridge at Remagen and swiftly raced along its 1200-foot length into the steep cliffs of Erpel, 276 miles southwest of Berlin and 30 southeast of Cologne.

The decision to take the bridge was made after a hurried conference near the water's edge by Brig. Gen. William Hoge of Lexington, Mo., commander of combat command B which carried out the decision; Lt. Col. Leonard Engeman of Minneapolis, Minn., task force commander, and Maj. Murray Deemers of Hagerville, Ark., commander of the 27th armored infantry battalion.

For seven hours after the first troops rushed across a single battalion of armored infantry held the bridge as well as the bluff at the eastern exit and the surrounding heights.

Tanks quickly followed the foot troops, aware of the danger that the Germans at any second might blow up the structure. The Shermans reached the span at 3:50 p. m. Wednesday, it is possible to disclose for the first time tonight.

Resistance Falls

Between the Remagen bridgehead and shell-rocked Coblenz, German resistance collapsed suddenly in the Eifel mountains trap and the lost nazi divisions raced toward the Rhine. British to the north captured Xanten and steadily reduced the Wesel pocket.

In a matter of seconds after the infantry company commanded by a Jersey City lieutenant, Emmett J. Burrows, had seized the Ludendorff bridge, the ninth armored division was racing across and fanning out in all directions.

The great Ruhr basin was in imminent peril of being outflanked; the very heart of Germany was menaced.

Some explosions accompanied the ninth armored division dash across the Rhine and caused slight damage to the bridge. Wires to explosive charges were cut swiftly before any more than superficial harm was done.

Repairs under German fire were started immediately.

Overrun

Erpel (Pop. 1000), at the east end of the bridge, was swiftly overrun and the tanks and foot troops swarmed into the Balsatic cliffs and rolling green Rhineland hills beyond. A German medic surrendered the town and 600 wounded Germans and a few American prisoners in it.

The Germans were stunned almost into paralysis. Hundreds laid down their arms. White flags flapped along the entire route of the ninth armored division's charges.

When night fell Wednesday, all roads west of the Rhine leading to the Ludendorff bridge were choked with trucks of troops and shells, tanks, self propelled guns—every vehicle and weapon in easy reach. The steady stream of eastbound military traffic such as the Rhine had never experienced since Napoleon crossed 140 years ago continued through the night, yesterday and today.

PORTSMOUTH STILL DRY; OHIO CRESTS

By E. E. EASTERLY

PORTSMOUTH, O., March 9 (AP)— The flooding Ohio river crested here today, with the city still dry behind its flood walls and sandbag dikes.

The muddy waters touched a peak of 64.94 feet, 14.94 above flood stage, and were expected to remain stationary several hours before receding.

Citizens Warned

Police Chief Ray Brown warned citizens not to return to the low areas of this industrial community of 40,000 inhabitants.

Lt. Col. Walter H. French, executive officer of the second infantry of the guard, asserted "this is the time of our greatest danger," explaining the pressure of the Ohio and Scioto rivers against the flood defenses was heaviest at this moment.

"If the dike should break it would be now," he cautioned townsfolk, who had labored through the night to strengthen a sandbag and earthwork dike stretching 2800 feet across the Norfolk and western railway yards in the city's eastern section.

The city is guarded on the other side by an earthen and

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'45 Fertilizer Supply Assured

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) Assurances that Klamath potato growers will receive enough ammonium phosphate for 1945 crop quotas have been received by Senator Morse (R-Ore.).

Last year's special war food administration allotment will not be repeated this year, however, he reported.

Klamath growers had feared the 1945 crop goal might fall a million sacks short because of lack of fertilizer.

Huge Superfort Fleet Hits Tokyo

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—The greatest fleet of Superfortresses ever put into the air hammered Tokyo today from American bases in the Marianas islands.

More than 300 B-29's participated in the smashing attack against the Japanese capital. They dropped the largest bomb loads for each aircraft that have yet been carried by the 21st bomber command.

Targets were industrial plants, hit repeatedly in 10 previous raids.

Torpedo Boats Sunk by Yanks

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) Two United States motor torpedo boats have been sunk in the Philippines by another United States vessel as a result of mistaken identity, the navy announced today.

Skippers of the two vessels, the PT77 and PT79, both were saved. Other casualties were light, the navy said. Normal complement of a PT boat is from 11 to 15 men. Next of kin of all casualties have been notified.

Kassel Bombed By RAF, Yanks

LONDON, March 9 (AP)—The German industrial city of Kassel, heavily bombed by the RAF last night, was attacked again today by the main force of a 1000-bomber fleet sent out by the U. S. eighth air force.

In the night raids the British also hit submarine building yards in Hamburg and unspecified objectives in Berlin. German radios began warning of the approach of daylight bombers shortly after 8 a. m.

Carviano Taken By Americans

ROME, March 9 (AP)—U. S. fifth army troops closing in on the German highway stronghold of Vergato, 17½ miles southwest of Bologna, have occupied Carviano, about a mile east of their objective, allied headquarters announced today.

The push, although slowed somewhat by the enemy in the last 24 hours, warned the closest approach yet to Vergato, which has held out against allied attacks for four months.

Extent of Bombing Damage On German Cities Assessed

By WES GALLAGHER

COLOGNE, March 9 (AP) — The American dash to the Rhine has lifted the lid of German secrecy on the effects of allied air raids, permitting ground observers to assess for the first time the full extent of the damage inflicted.

A check of Cologne, Rhine industrial capital; Krefeld, textile and silk center; Muenchen-Gladbach, one of the smaller Rhine industrial cities, and the Rhine river port of Neuss, opposite Duesseldorf, shows:

Conclusions Reached

1. That American and British strategic air force claims gleaned from photographs—such as the estimate that Cologne was 60 to 80 per cent destroyed—are conservative.

2. That bombings of cities will not break German civilian morale but will so disrupt life in a city and discourage workers that factories cannot operate with even a fraction of efficiency.

3. That big incendiary raids cause considerably more vital damage than high explosives.

4. That bombing of railroad yards has not yielded the results expected, largely because of the extremely efficient German repair system.

5. That bombing of roads has been virtually useless in trying to stop traffic in a country like Germany where there are hundreds of good roads. Only in rare cases of such bottlenecks as the Rhine bridges has the bombing of bridges been productive.

Population Drops

Some 75,000 to 100,000 persons are estimated still living in Cologne, which had a prewar population of nearly a million.

Wandering about the city you wonder where they are living.

The inner circle, bounded by

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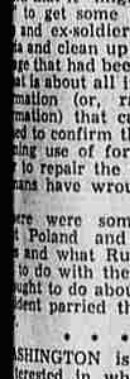
Glen G. Foster Hurt in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Foster, 1845 Ivory, have just received word from the war department advising them that their son, PFC Glen G. Foster, was seriously wounded in Germany on February 24, while serving with the seventh army, infantry division.

Glen was graduated from Klamath Union high school with the class of 1943 and entered the armed forces in September of that year. He received his infantry training at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., and left in November, 1944, for overseas combat duty. His parents were not advised as to his hospital address.

...omething About a Uniform!

Lookie, lookie, lookie, who's got cookie!
The boys in the service, of course. More than four to one!
Of the 57 marriage licenses issued during the month of ...ruary from the county clerk's office, only 10 went to civilians. Twenty-eight went to members of the United States marine corps, 16 to the men of Uncle Sam's navy, and three GI's snared one license each.



If you want to get your man, take up stenography. Thirteen stenographers led the bridal parade. Tied for second place were students and clerks.

This is the occupational list for the gals: Stenographers, 13; clerks and students, nine each; housewives, eight; waitresses, four; bookkeepers, three; defense workers and teachers, two; beauticians, telephone operators, comptometer operators, clothes models, nurses and telegraphers, and musicians, each rated one place.

Noticeable as Venus rides with Mars, were the many marriage licenses issued to girls under 18 years of age, and to ...under 21. In this case the applicants usually brought ...g mamma to give her blessing and parental consent.

Man Found Nailed to Cross on Elevated Railroad in Chicago; Motive Not Known

CHICAGO, March 9 (AP) — A man was found crucified today with a crown of thorns on his head and a minor wound in his side.

Police Capt. Patrick O'Connell said the man, identified as Fred Walscher, 43, was found nailed to a cross early today. The cross, of 2 by 6 planks joined with new bolts, was fastened upright to a pillar of the elevated railroad structure on the near north side. Tenpenny nails were driven through Walscher's palms and into the horizontal timbers. He was spread-eagled, but his feet, instead of being nailed as were Christ's, were supported by ropes, and the weight of his body was taken by a rope around his chest.

Sign Attached

Thumbtacked to the head of the cross was a crudely-lettered sign — simulating the sign at Christ's head — which read: "Peace on earth—the brother of Jesus Christ. This good man is chossen (sic) in sacrifice by the noblest and greatest and finest inspiration for world peace. Let's all follow for the good of mankind (sic). God bless him, amen. By the unknown world controllers."

O'Connell reported Walscher had a crude crown, fashioned of the thorny stems of a rose bush, on his head. A superficial wound of a razor or similar instrument, was found on the left breast, apparently an attempt to simulate the spear thrust of a Roman soldier 1900 years ago.

Observation Set

Walscher was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where Dr. Paul San Filippi reported his condition good, and later removed to the county jail hospital for observation.

O'Connell said he was dissatisfied with Walscher's replies to questioning, and said the man at first gave this account of his experience:

A man came to his basement bedroom about 11 p. m. last night and said there had been an accident at a neighboring intersection. Walscher went with him and under the structure two men with guns said "Do you want to die for the war or for a world revolution?"

Life Threatened

Walscher told them he would sacrifice himself only for his ideals, whereupon they nailed him to the cross and said they would kill him if he made a noise.

O'Connell said, however, that

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