

# THIRD ARMY FIGHTS INTO COBLENZ

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### Weather News

March 17, 1945  
Max. (March 16) 36 Min. 30  
Precipitation last 24 hours 7.25  
Stream year to date 7.45  
Normal 8.70 Last year 5.98  
Forecast: Warmer with snow flurries.

### TRAPPED NAZIS ESCAPE ROUTE REPORTED CUT

Amphibious Frontal  
Assault Pays Off  
For Yanks

By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS, March 17 (AP)—U. S. third army troops fought into Coblenz in a frontal amphibious assault today, and streamed 40 miles southeast of the Rhine city, cutting off a northern escape route to Mainz for thousands of Germans facing entrapment in the huge Saarland triangle. Berlin said armored columns had crossed the Hahe river at Bad Zruenach, 21 miles south west of Mainz. A street battle raged in Coblenz this afternoon. Troops of the 87th division in assault boats poured into the northern section at 3 a. m. meeting light resistance at the outset, and other forces which jumped the Moselle river south of the city moved up from the southwest. The attackers hurried across the Moselle river near its confluence with the Rhine, AP Correspondent Thoburn Piant said. Farther north, the U. S. first army expanded its Rhine bridgehead and its hold on the Ruhr super-highway, and Berlin announced loss of Koelnwinter at the northern end of the 13-mile long bridgehead. Bad Zruenach is a road hub 21 miles southwest of the Rhine city of Mainz, a main escape hatch for the Germans being squeezed by the third army's (Continued on Page Nine)

## B-29s Fire Three-Fourths of Kobe

### Major Battle Looms as 33rd Nears Baguio

By LEONARD MILLMAN  
Associated Press War Editor  
Three-fourths of Kobe was burned out today in the greatest of the clock-like B-29 raids on Japan, made by 300 Superforts nine hours after the battle of Iwo Jima was declared officially won at a cost of 19,938 marine casualties.

Simultaneously a new major battle loomed in the Philippines as the 33rd division drove within artillery range of Baguio, summer capital and headquarters of Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita who once promised his emperor that he would drive Gen. Douglas MacArthur from the islands.

About 40 India-based B-29s bombed Rangoon storage areas in daylight today in their fourth attack on Burma's largest city. They struck while fires still blazed in Kobe and British troops were mopping up Japanese troops remaining in Mandalay, Burma's second city.

Today's pre-dawn Superfortress raid on the great port of Kobe turned 12 square miles of the industrial, harbor and residential area into a roaring mass of flames.

A total of 36 square miles have been burned out of four of Japan's largest and most vital war production centers—Tokyo, Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya—in eight days. Today's two and a half hour attack was the heaviest in sheer weight of incendiaries dropped—2500 tons.

Refugees Flee  
Refugees are fleeing by the millions, Tokyo radio reports, from the four cities and Yokohama, which has yet to be set afire. If the B-29s maintain their present schedule of striking en masse every two days, another raid is on the books for Monday (Tokyo time).

Returning pilots said flames swept the Kobe dock area, the Mitsubishi airplane plant and the Kawasaki locomotive factory, the primary objectives. Flames, merging into a single conflagration, were visible 100 miles away.

Dividends of Iwo  
The enemy high command claimed 20 were shot down but reports from Guam indicated (Continued on Page Nine)

Salvage Challenge Accepted by Duff  
The salvage challenge issued by Paul A. Lee, central committee salvage chairman for Klamath county, to Robert A. Duff, Jackson county chairman, was accepted today. In a wire to Lee, Duff stated that he accepted the challenge and further stated that he was certain Jackson county could top Klamath in a contest scheduled for the duration. Duff also said that he was glad of the opportunity to demonstrate the superiority of Jackson county ability over Klamath.

Members of the junior chamber of commerce are asked to report at 9 a. m. Sunday at the main salvage depot at 606 Market to assist in the city-wide pickup of tin cans for the salvage drive.

The drive has been progressing well, but with the challenge to Jackson county hurled across the Cascades, an added incentive has been given Klamath county residents to top the neighboring county in the tin can drive.

It was once again pointed out (Continued on Page Nine)

Boys Killed by Grenade Blast  
MACON, Ga., March 17 (AP)—Four boys were killed and a fifth lad injured seriously by an explosion, apparently of a grenade, on the nearby Camp Wheeler mortar range yesterday.

Camp Wheeler authorities said those killed were: James R. Phillips, 11; Stanley Folmar, 12, son of Sgt. Braxton Folmar of the Camp Wheeler military police; James Arthur Evans, 10, and Ernest Carleton Avery, 10.

Army authorities said the explosion apparently occurred as the boys attempted to climb out of a trench with an unexploded grenade they found on the mortar range.

Rogue River Timber Near Park Line to Be Logged  
Klamath Pine company of Klamath Falls, operating the "boy scout" mill on Upper Klamath lake, today was awarded a \$56,700 bid by the forest service to cut 10,000,000 board feet from the Rogue River national forest south of the Crater Lake park boundary in the Fort Klamath country.

The company, managed by Lawrence Shaw, submitted the only bid. The price, in addition to the \$5,700, would include 50 cents a thousand board feet for slash disposal and 10 cents a thousand for planting and timber stand improvement.

The bid was based on \$8.45 per thousand for Ponderosa pine and \$1.50 per thousand for Shasta fir and white fir.

A stand of fine pine timber in the Rogue River national forest south of Crater Lake National park will yield logs for Klamath mills in the coming cutting season. Some 50,000,000 feet will be logged there in the near future, it is understood.

The prospect of heavy log truck operations in that area this week brought several federal and state highway men into this section to study the need for possible additional roads and use of the state highway system there for that purpose. Part of the logs, it is expected, will be trucked to Upper Klamath lake and rafted into Klamath, and others will be trucked to Lobert siding and railed to mills here.

W. E. Chandler, division highway engineer from Bend; John Sargent, public roads administrator, and H. G. Smith, state construction engineer, conferred here this week on the highway problem.

It is understood there is consideration of an access road leading directly south from Annie creek entrance to the park, and east from Seven Mile guard station to the town of Fort Klamath.

### RUSSIANS HIT AGAINST NAZI STETTIN LINE

Soviets Mass Pontoon Equipment Along Oder River

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
MOSCOW, March 17 (AP)—Tanks and infantry of the first White Russian army thrust forward again today against the reduced enemy bridgehead at Stettin from within four and a half miles of that vital northern gateway to Berlin.

Simultaneously, the Russians were reported bringing up pontoon equipment along a three-mile stretch of the Oder river in the vicinity of captured Griefhagen, less than 11 miles south of Stettin.

The heaviest Russian pressure was exerted against the southern flank of the Nazi bridgehead, which extends along the east bank of the Oder for about 11 miles south from Stettin's eastern suburb of Altdamm, on the edge of Dammshager See.

One Bridgehead Left  
The remaining Nazi bridgehead east of the river is only one to two miles deep at some points. Its complete seizure would be a tactical preparation for the Berlin offensive, second in importance only to the capture of Kues-trin early this week.

Fall of Griefhagen put Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's troops into another good jumping off spot for spanning the Oder. However, the main highway bridge across the Oder's eastern arm, the Regitz, and the Oder itself, from Griefhagen toward the Stettin-Berlin Autobahn was unofficially reported demolished (Continued on Page Nine)

WIND LASHES AREA; POWER DISRUPTED  
A driving east wind which reached a peak velocity of 38 miles per hour at 4:37 p. m., lashed the Klamath basin Friday and for a time disrupted power and telephone communications in the Hot Springs circuit.

The California Oregon Power company reported a limb, whipped from a tree at Main and Alameda near the government canal, fell across a wire and put the Hot Springs circuit out of commission at 2:17 p. m. A patrol of the circuit was made immediately and the district north of Melrose street had power again within 38 minutes, and the remainder of the area within one hour after the initial report.

Telephone service in the Hot Springs section, a portion of Main street and the Marine Barracks, was disrupted but by 2 o'clock this morning a cable crew had repaired damage and service was resumed.

Students at Roosevelt school were dismissed shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the plan system went out along with the power.

Although the basin received only a light skiff of snow, residents of Dunsmuir reported at least a foot of the white stuff at 6 o'clock last night and "still falling."

Yreka was reported as virtually "snowed in" Friday and Saturday. Tulelake basketball players, in the Siskiyou county seat on a playing trip, were unable to go home on schedule due to the snow.

The weekend forecast was for little change in temperature and continued snow flurries in this section of southern Oregon.

It's a Dirty Shame, Taxi  
E. A. "Taxi" Thomas, city engineer and head of the street department in Klamath Falls, doesn't need to drink a toast to his just about every day.

"It just breaks your heart," he said sadly, "when we have streets all spick and span and then some truck or private car will come into town after traversing unpaved roads of mud and drop mud all over our clean paving."

As soon as the weather permits, grading will begin on all city roads, "Taxi" said. Most of the street department's time has been used up in cleaning sewers plugged with tree roots, which grow in the winter. Sanitary and storm sewers, which maintenance this time of year due to moisture, mud and mud, he said.

But keeping city streets clean is the biggest problem that confronts the street department because there are so many paved roads and alleys in the city and county, Thomas said.

He then sadly shook his head and went to get his shovel.

### Everybody's Irish Today!



All the world turned Irish today, St. Patrick's Day, as folks joined the sons and daughters of Erin in revering the memory of the Emerald Isle's patron saint. Proud of their Irish ancestry and their Irish names is this group snapped in the rooms of Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney as they beam on a shamrock in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Jack Franey. Mrs. Jack Gallagher looks on and seated, left to right, is Franey, Justice Mahoney, State Police Officer Bill "Paddy" Colbert, and little Kathleen Gallagher.

### INCREASE IN MEAT QUOTA TO BE ASKED

Plans for requesting an increase of the war food administration's meat allocation for this area were made by the civic and military affairs committee of the chamber of commerce this morning and facts gathered regarding the reduction in the quota and the increased population were to be presented to the WFA.

Packing houses here have already exhausted their slaughtering quota for the month, it was brought out. The quota this year, set by the WFA, is 60 per cent of each month's quota for last year.

Reduction in this quota, which was set in relation to the 1944 population, incurs a hardship here because of the increase in population during the year. Personnel of the (Continued on Page Nine)

SENATE BOGS DOWN; MAY DELAY SESSION  
By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.  
SALEM, March 17 (AP)—The Oregon legislature went into its final drive in an effort to end the 69-day-old session by tonight, but the senate got bogged down on the firemen's pension and Multnomah county registrar bills, indicating a possibility that the session might extend through Monday.

The joint ways and means committee recommended against passage of the firemen's pension bill, but the senate rejected the report 16 to 14. The senate refused to suspend the rules by a single vote.

On Calendar  
This bill would come up on Monday's calendar, and supporters of the bill might delay adjournment until then.

The house-approved bill to create the office of Multnomah county election registrar was taken from the senate table and (Continued on Page Nine)

More Industrial Deferments Set by Selective Service  
By KARL R. BAUMAN  
WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—Liberalized draft deferments for young men in five major industries—coal mining, transportation, steel, synthetic rubber and mining of copper, lead and zinc, were announced today.

The action, by selective service, will permit deferments to exceed the 30 per cent limitation which has been in effect for one month on men aged 18 through 29.

This means, a selective service spokesman said, that more deferred men over 30 will have to be drafted to meet the heightened draft calls for army combat replacements.

Want Relief  
Meanwhile new claimants—notably aircraft manufacturers—were beseeching Washington for similar relief, claiming that war demands could not be met unless they were permitted to retain more young workers.

The National Coal association said the easing means that "almost all" coal miners under 30

### New Slash in '45 Civilian Meat Supplies Indicated

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—A new slash in civilian meat supplies is expected today on the heels of President Roosevelt's projection of more belt-tightening on the home front.

For the April-June quarter, the civilian meat allocation may be cut to an annual rate of 118 pounds a person—the lowest level since 1935 when supplies were curtailed by a severe drought and a government hog-production control program.

Already Curtailed  
During the first quarter of 1945, the per capita meat supply has averaged 128 pounds per person a year. This compares with 1944's average of 147 pounds.

The reduction is in line with President Roosevelt's statement yesterday that Americans would have to share a larger portion of their food with hungry peoples in war-liberated areas.

The April-June allocation is expected to carry a sharp reduction—if not a temporary suspension—of meats to Great Britain, pending determination on whether reserves built up in the British Isles are sufficient to enable Britons to carry on for a while without American supplies.

Tighter Regulations  
The government also is expected to tighten its livestock slaughter regulations in an effort to squeeze larger supplies out of midwestern producing areas in order to help supply deficit areas of the east and far west.

Senator Wherry (R-Neb.), frequent critic of the administration's handling of the meat problem, declared the president's statement demonstrates the need for a senate investigation of food exports, imports and distribution.

Cornett May Run For Senate Post  
SALEM, March 17 (AP)—The campaign for president of the 1947 senate was on today after Sen. William E. Walsh, Marshfield, veteran of three sessions, announced he would seek the post.

Other senators expected to seek the position are Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls; Rex Ellis, Pendleton; Coe A. McKenna, Portland; and Earl T. Newberry, Ashland.

The Luck of the Irish—And on St. Pat's Day  
WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—The house held a three-minute St. Patrick's Day session today and it was a notable one—with not a word of oratory.

Forced into a technical session by the absence of a quorum at quitting time yesterday, the chamber met and adjourned immediately after the opening prayer.

Rep. O'Hara (R-Wis.), was waiting with a St. Patrick's Day speech but he failed to get the floor. As soon as the prayer was over, Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) recognized the majority floor leader, McCormick of Massachusetts, who promptly moved to adjourn. There were shouted protests of "no" but a standing vote carried the motion, 76-11.

### Irish Celebrate Dry St. Patrick's

DUBLIN, March 17 (AP)—Shamrock-wearing Irish jammed the streets of Dublin today in celebration of St. Patrick's Day that was dry.

All saloons were closed and citizens who wished to "drown the shamrock" in traditional style had to partake of a previously acquired private supply.

Every flagstaff in the city bore the national colors. There were military parades and games. Premier Eamon de Valera and all his ministers were cheered by the holiday throngs as they went to the cathedral.