

LUDENDORFF BRIDGE NOW UNDER REPAIR

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at about the same time the German high command announced that four German officers had been executed for cowardice or negligence in permitting the bridge to be seized intact.

No Blame Placed
Failure to replace or repair the damaged girder in time was the real reason for loss of the bridge, but until a full investigation already under way is completed there was some reluctance to place any responsibility.

Two engineering units were working on the bridge when the 512-foot central span crashed. One group had the job of keeping the superficial structure repaired so traffic could cross, while a unit of specialists had been given the task of repairing the basic structure.

Pontoon Spans Used
But first consideration by necessity was given to the task of building up the bridgehead and throwing over supplementing pontoon spans. It is across these pontoon spans that men and material must go until the bridge is repaired, but these are easy prey for floods, common along the Rhine in spring.

The entire steel framework of the railroad bridge collapsed, with the stone piers and the approaches remaining intact. A section leading from the center to the east bank went under water, and the section to the west side fell partly on the bank and partly in shallow water.

GIRL HELD HERE FOR SHOPLIFTING

A 12-year-old Dorris girl, formerly of Klamath Falls, is being held in custody by the county juvenile office after city police had picked up the girl on a shop lifting charge in Newberry's early Saturday night.

County Juvenile Officer Harold Hendrickson said the child's home life would be investigated before a full report was made on the case. A 13-year-old companion was held. Officers said numerous small articles were found in the youngster's possession.

Klamath Group Attends Service

A group from the First Christian church in Klamath Falls attended services at the Ashland Christian church on Sunday, March 11, where the Reverend Arthur Charles Bates held a short rally in connection with his work as centennial evangelist of the state of Oregon.

After the morning services, a dinner party was enjoyed at the Plaza cafe in Ashland, with the Reverend and Mrs. Bates as guests of the group. Reverend Bates will be remembered in Klamath Falls as the former pastor of the First Christian church, and he will be in this city on May 20 for a mortgage burning ceremony.

Those who attended the services from here were R. H. Dunbar, Mrs. George Wirtz, Mr. and Mrs. Marian Deering, Mrs. Louise Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wickham, Helen Doege, Mrs. Edna Bunnell, Mr. V. McBeth, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fortna, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Leach, Miss Humble, Mrs. Dale Mattoon, and Shirley Francis.

"Taps"



Cpl. Charles Leonard Snapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Snapp of Merrill, was accorded a full military funeral Saturday by the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks at Linkville cemetery. Cpl. Snapp was killed March 3, in the crash of a Liberator bomber at Mountain Home, Ida.

FIRE RAZES ROCK CRUSHING PLANT

LAKEVIEW (Special)—A fire at 5 a. m. Thursday did an estimated \$10,000 damage to M. C. Linsinger & Sons rock crusher plant situated about a mile up Deadman's canyon.

The origin of the fire was unknown and it destroyed the practically new generator which the Medford concern had installed for its operations which started the latter part of October, 1944.

As it is practically impossible to get replacements the crusher is shutting down. They have hauled approximately 20,000 yards of gravel for the State Highway commission during their operations here.

Ashwell Pleads Guilty in Larceny Case

Samuel F. Ashwell, charged with larceny by bailee, changed his plea of innocence to guilty in circuit court this morning and Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg said that he would pronounce sentence at 10 a. m. Thursday.

Ashwell is specifically charged with moving a car from Klamath county after having borrowed the machine from Balsiger Motor company. He was returned here from Lordsburg, N. M. The court named F. O. Small to represent Ashwell.

C. W. Smith, Espee Employee, Passes

Chauncey W. Smith, 61, for the past 21 years a resident of Klamath Falls and at the time of his passing an employe of the Southern Pacific roundhouse, died Sunday at 1:30 p. m. at the family residence, 2321 Wantland.

Mr. Smith had been in ill health for the past several weeks. He is survived by his wife, Florence, one daughter, Mrs. Warren Pohl of this city, and one son, Wayne, with the U. S. army in France. Services will be held at Ward's at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

NIPS ABSORB HEAVIEST AIR BLOW OF WAR

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have been hit previously only by China-based B-29s. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' brief announcement of the attack said merely that it was being carried out by "a strong force of carrier aircraft."

Jap Claims
A Japanese Imperial communiqué claimed that five American warships were sunk, one damaged and 46 U. S. planes shot down.

The 1400 planes that Tokyo said opened the attack could, in two days, exceed the 2500 tons of bombs the Superforts dropped on Nagoya.

Increasing Japanese counterattacks were reported from Burma and the Philippines. Trapped Japanese in central Burma were apparently trying to break through, 75 miles south of Mandalay.

In the Philippines the Japanese counterattacks attempted unsuccessfully to halt northward advances by the 158th regimental combat team which made another amphibious landing on southwestern Luzon, and the 41st division on Mindanao.

Basilian, the new island invaded, is a dozen miles south of Mindanao on the way to Borneo.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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house of representatives from the Far West produces more statements per gross ton than the membership from the states that are close to Washington. There is a definite and practical reason why this may be so.

The Far West is REMOTE from Washington and relatively few constituents can spare the time and money to run back to the national capital every few weeks or months to demand personal service from their congressmen—who are thus left comparatively free to improve themselves and increase their effectiveness in the discharge of their larger duties and responsibilities. The people of the states within overnight radius are restricted by none of these inhibitions of time and space and, and so descend upon their congressmen in swarms, leaving them a little time for their weightier responsibilities to their districts and to the nation as a whole.

WE of the Klamath Basin have before us at the moment an interesting example of these larger responsibilities of a congressman.

If this Pit river water diversion project gets out of hand—that is to say, if it should get a favorable or even a lukewarm report from the army engineers, Congress will be our last resort for protection of our vital interests, and we will want all of the time and all of the energy and all of the ability of Congressman Stockman and Congressman Engle to head it off and save for us what is ours. We won't want them to be swamped in a vast and sticky mass of detail.

Fortunately, they won't be. Due partly to personal ability and in other part to a forbearing and public-spirited constituency, they are being left with enough free time to make of themselves efficient representatives of their districts as a whole.

Hans Norland Fire Insurance, Phone 5060.

Scrawny, Skinny Not Doing So Well on Sweet Diet

The four white rats undergoing the Klamath county nutrition test were weighed again Thursday to determine the results of a complete diet and an incomplete diet from a nutritional standpoint. Popsy and Mopsy, the rats on a complete diet, showed a gain of an ounce since the last weighing. Popsy weighed 61 and Mopsy 41 ounces.

NO TRACE FOUND OF MISSING TRAPPER

No trace of Harold Manning, 36-year-old trapper missing since Tuesday, was found by searching parties who spent the weekend patrolling the Agency lake area.

Weather conditions were such that the search was not continued today, but a break in the storm Sunday found at least five parties on the lake, seeking some evidence that Manning had reached shore. State Police Officers Mark Sullivan and Walter Schneider, and Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon, reported no luck in their Sunday search. Sullivan returned to Chiloquin to check on further information but expressed little hope that Manning was alive.

Manning left his Hansen Landing cabin, shared with a brother, Elmer, at about 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to run his lines in the straits, between Agency and Upper Klamath lake. These lines were checked, but the brothers also have a cabin, had not been touched. There was a high wind Tuesday and intermittent squalls on the lake. Manning was operating a 12-foot sea sled with an 18-horse power motor when he left Tuesday.

SAWMILL WORKERS VOTE TO STRIKE

LAKEVIEW (Special)—The AFL Sawmill Workers union of Crane Creek Lumber company at Willow Ranch voted 71 to 22 to strike.

The vote was cast to bring the attention of the workers' grievances to the attention of the war labor board, where they can get a hearing. The alleged grievances causing the strike vote are: Under pay schedule in some departments, discharging of certain workers without cause from the union's point of view, overtime backpay and more sanitary living and working conditions.

Weyerhaeuser Man Hurt in Explosion

Tom Wright, employed as electrician at Weyerhaeuser Lumber company, suffered injuries early Sunday when an electric fuse box blew up in his face while working at the mill.

Wright was moved to Hillside hospital at 8:45 a. m. by Ward's ambulance. His attending physician reported Wright's condition good but said he had a deep scalp wound and suffered from a slight concussion.

If it's a "trozen" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

CONGRESSMAN SAYS LIVING STANDARD LOW

By HOWARD FLIEGER

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Rep. Engel (R-Mich.) came up today with another of his one-man investigations to report: Millions of low-income American families "will turn too socialistic, communism or some other 'ism,' unless something is done soon to give them a decent wartime living standard."

His recommendation: Better salaries and reduced income taxes to give them a purchasing power abreast of increased living costs.

Engel is in the habit of digging deep—and alone—into the ills of the nation and reporting his conclusions to congress. Today he gave the house a 22-page report on what he learned about families who have gone through the war with little or no more income than they had five or six years ago.

These people, he said, have been allowed 15 per cent wage increases under the Little Steel formula. But their income taxes have gone up 12 1/2 per cent and living costs from 30 to 48 per cent.

As one solution, he put in a bill to restore 1940 income tax exemptions for the low-income group. That would give a \$2000 exemption to a head of a family and an \$800 exemption to an individual. Present exemptions are a flat \$500 a person.

80,000 Germans Run for Rhine

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through) division of the third army had broken across the Nahe river toward the west bank city of Mainz, smashed a furious counterattack, and was still running high, wide and handsome.

Coblenz finally was cleared. The famous fourth armored division captured Spredlingen and moved closest to Mainz, and Patton's tenth armored division sprinted within 19 miles northwest of Kaiserslautern, a key German base of 61,000 in the Palatinate.

The seventh army, moving more slowly but up to six miles a day through Siegfried line fortifications between besieged Saarbruecken and the Rhine, closed within 26 miles of Kaiserslautern.

The third army captured Dillingen and its great steel mill and crashed into St. Wendel, only 16 miles from seventh army troops fighting in the Zweibruecken area. A meeting of the armies would trap all Germans in the Saarbruecken area and along the Saar river where virtually all the Saar steel mills are located.

This trap, within the larger trap west of the Rhine, would virtually conquer the whole compact Saarland, leaving only the Palatinate to the Germans west of the Rhine.

Minor Accident—Capt. W. L. Cerutti, Marine Barracks, and Mrs. C. C. Ballentine, Willard Road, reported an accident on the Marine Barracks road which occurred at 8 p. m. Saturday. The Ballentine car sideswiped the Cerutti machine, causing some damage. There were no personal injuries.

Portland School Head Attacks "Economic Bloc"

PORTLAND, March 19 (AP)—Teachers don't want to leave smaller towns to instruct here, because they'd have to forsake larger salaries than Portland pays, the city school superintendent declared.

Willard B. Spalding said, "unless a miracle happens" this city will have classrooms without teachers next fall. Classes had no teachers here for 157 classroom days in December, 143 in January, and 144 in February, he reported.

He attacked the "economy bloc" which opposes higher teachers' salaries. Improved starting rates and higher wages for veteran teachers were contained in a new pay schedule which lost by a three-to-three vote at last week's board meeting.

CHAMBER BALLOTS GO OUT APRIL 9

Primary ballots for the chamber of commerce election will be mailed out to membership Monday, April 9. Primary polls will open Tuesday, April 10, and remain open until Monday, April 16, at 1 p. m.

Primary ballots will be counted starting at 2 p. m. Monday, April 16.

Final ballots will be mailed Wednesday, April 18. Final polls will open Thursday, April 19, and remain open until 1 p. m. Tuesday, April 24. Final ballots will be counted Tuesday, April 24, starting at 2 p. m.

Results will be published immediately after ballots are counted.

Assisting—Ethel Crockett is assisting in the district attorney's office during the tax foreclosure period.

OBITUARY

BABY RHODES

Baby Rhodes, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rhodes of this city, passed away on Sunday, March 18, at 7 p. m. Besides the parents she is survived by two brothers, Wylie Dean and John Henry Rhodes; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ottilie House of Sheridan, Wyoming; and maternal grandparents, John Ashcroft of Astoria, California, the grandfather, and Mrs. M. Redd of Hatfield, California, the grandmother. The remains of Little Jerry Allen rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced Tuesday.

JERRY ALLEN McCORMACK
Jerry Allen McCormack, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCormack of this city, passed away on Sunday, March 18, at 11:15 a. m. following an illness of three days. Little Jerry Allen was aged three years and 27 days at the time of his death. He was born in California. Surviving besides his parents are M. D. Bouman of Astoria, California, the grandfather, and Mrs. M. Redd of Hatfield, California, the grandmother. The remains of Little Jerry Allen rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced Tuesday.

CHAUNCEY W. SMITH
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CHAUNCEY W. SMITH
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JOHN WILLIAM DEQUAT
Funeral services for little John William Dequat, who passed away in this city on Thursday, March 18, 1945, will be held at Mt. Calvary Memorial Park Monday, March 19, 1945, at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. T. E. Case, pastor of Sacred Heart church of the city officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Calvary Memorial Park on the city of Klamath Falls. The remains rest at Earl Whitlock Funeral Home of the city.

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REDS ADVANCE AGAINST NAZIS IN NEW DRIVE

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Germany had collapsed after the loss of some 800 tanks and 200,000 men. The Russians seized the initiative northeastward to Lake Balaton.

Russians Mop Up
Reduction of the German pattern of retreat was a strategy—mopping up the stubbornly resisting pockets of troops.

Along the Baltic, several "sels" still remain, including zig and Gdynia on the coast and west shoulders of Danzig. Braunsberg and Helliggen, further to the east.

Koenigsberg Still Holds
Besides these there is Koenigsberg, which is still holding out against a swiftly converging arc of Russian armor. The third Russian army, narrowed to a coastal strip held by the Nazis, a length of 21 miles and extending farther than 200 miles from the sea.

Russian frontline correspondents are not giving any details for the enemy's losses, but they make it fairly clear that an all-out drive from Oder toward the Elbe is due to begin in early spring. A "mopping storm" is their description.

Funeral Scheduled For Medical Officer

PORTLAND, March 19 (AP)—Last rites for Dr. John G. Able, 74, veteran army medical officer who took part in one of the west's last big infantry campaigns will be held here Monday.

Dr. Able, a 1907 graduate of the University of Oregon medical school, was city health officer here for 28 years. He died Wednesday at the Veterans hospital in Roseburg.

He was a cavalryman in the famed Wounded Knee campaign against the Sioux Indians in the winter of 1890-91. He also accompanied early-day army expeditions into the Alaskan interior.

Survivors include his widow, one son, Maj. John J. Able, France, and two step-daughters.

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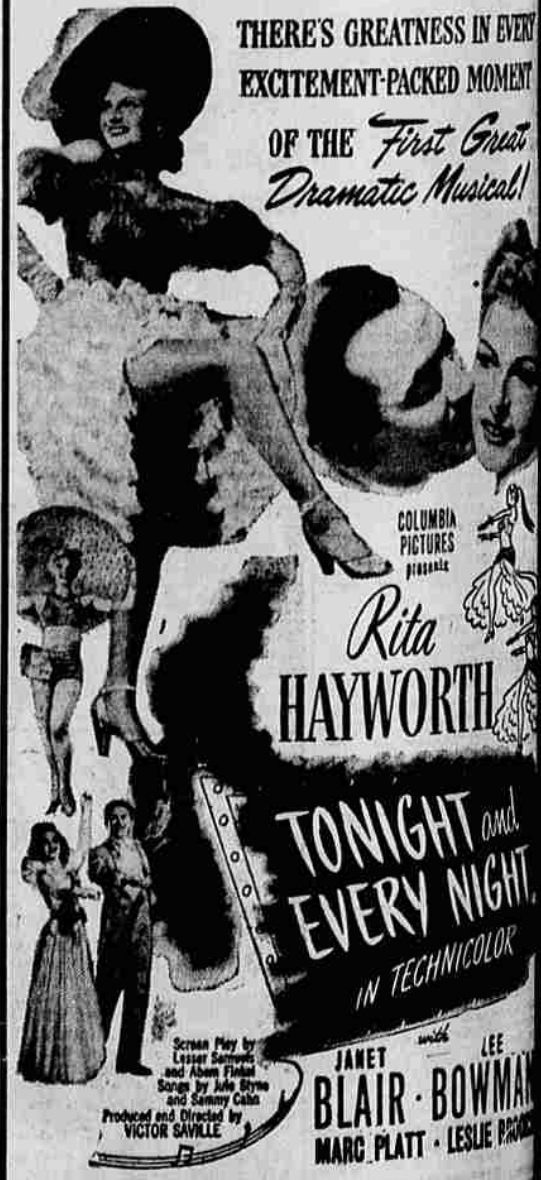
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