

# NAZI SAAR DEFENSES CRUMBLE

## Gerald and News

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Weather News	
March 20, 1945	
Max. (March 19)	46 Min. .... 36
Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace
Stream year to date	7.58
Normal	8.52 Last year 5.98
Forecast: Partly cloudy Wednesday.	

## U. S. Forces Race Toward Rhine Cutoff

By JAMES M. LONG  
 PARIS, March 20 (AP)—German defenses collapsed in the Saar basin today while the rampaging American seventh and third armies raced toward an imminent junction near the Rhine.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army flanked the Siegfried and alternate Hunsbrueck lines in the Saar and Palatinat and in sweeping gains moved within four miles of the second Palatinat city of Kaiserslautern, within nine miles of Mainz and 23 miles of the chemical center of Ludwigshafen.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army was completely through a 12-mile stretch of the Siegfried line between Saarbruecken and Zweibruecken.

A pocket around Saarbruecken and the great steel mills of the Saarland was all but closed—if not already so since developments were lagging hours behind reports delayed by security blackouts. In the Kaiserslautern area, the armies were but 20-odd miles apart and closing fast.

50,000 Casualties

More than 50,000 of the originally estimated 80,000 Germans of the enemy's first and seventh armies already were counted as casualties.

In seven blazing days, Patton's offensive has inflicted at least 45,000 casualties on the original 80,000 Germans in the Rhine-Moselle-Saar pocket, Correspondent E. D. Ball said in a dispatch from the front.

Prisoners alone totaled up to 20,000 and the seventh army had taken at least 4,000 additional.

Patton Gains

Patton's troops crashed to within four miles of the major Palatinat road center of Kaiserslautern and captured Alzey, 23 miles from the chemical centers of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen on the Rhine. The third army was less than 25 miles from the seventh army in the Kaiserslautern area. Ball messaged:

"With the Siegfried line flanked, the third and seventh army should meet shortly somewhere near the Rhine."

The Germans said the first army had launched a heavy attack in the southern end of the bridgehead east of the Rhine, melting seven miles into German lines beyond Hoenningen to reach the Rhine opposite Andernach. If true, this would lengthen the Remagen salient to 23 miles and place Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops within 11 miles of the fortress (Continued on Page Two)

## Mitscher Bombs Again

Only Two—But They're Mighty Pretty!



Lt. M. J. Rotondo (NC) United States navy, left, stands by at the sterilizer at the Klamath naval air station where she and Lt. (jg) M. V. Lash (NC), also of the navy, are the two nurses on duty. Lt. Lash's patient is little Randy Lee, 3-month-old daughter of S. I. C. and Mrs. Vernon Gillette. Seaman Gillette was one of a squadron which has since left the station but Mrs. Gillette and daughter are staying on at 2135 Holabird. Families receive excellent care at the NAS dispensary, where an average of 100 out patients per month have been cared for since the station was commissioned. Shortage of civilian physicians is tempered for these families because they can receive special care at NAS. This is termed dependent service and has been greatly expanded in this war. There is no facility for maternity cases but after the arrival of potential seamen and Waves, they do receive necessary care at the out patient clinic. Hours are from 1 to 3 p. m., Mondays through Fridays.

—Official U. S. navy photos.

## YANKS ADVANCE ON TWO NEWLY INVADDED ISLES

### American Bombers Hit Formosa In Heavy Aerial Raid

By ELMONT WAITE  
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, March 20 (AP)—Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's mighty carrier force was reported bombing Japan today a third straight day—defying the Imperial fleet to come out for battle despite enemy communications claims that seven of Mitscher's ships were sunk and one damaged.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced briefly that carrier pilots moved northward Monday to loose bombs and rockets against shipbuilding Kobe and a major naval base, Kure, on the home island of Honshu. Sunday, carrier planes sent probably 2500 tons of bombs winging down upon Kyushu and Shikoku, industrially vital islands at the southern end of the empire.

"Enemy attacks are still continuing," Tokyo flashed an English language broadcast to the United States today. The announcer did not state whether the raid was on Honshu or whether the bombers had returned against Kyushu.

## Held Over Slayings



James Hall (above), was being held at Little Rock, Miss., on an open charge after authorities reported he had confessed killing six persons. (AP wire-photo).

## OPA WILL SET UP NEW PRICE RULES

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The OPA set up rules today by which it hopes to cut back shoppers' prices of clothing, textiles, furniture and house furnishings.

Overnight, the agency froze the price mark-ups of approximately 300,000 retailers on sales of the affected items. Each store was forbidden to charge a greater margin over its own cost than it did yesterday, March 19.

Thus, forthcoming reductions in manufacturers' prices, which are being restored to the 1942-43 average level, will be passed on to customers.

Each retailer affected—those who do more than \$2500 worth of business a year in the items listed—must prepare promptly a chart showing his own margins over net invoice cost for all goods on sale yesterday. Smaller stores, if they wish, may continue to price their merchandise under old regulations.

## Firewater Packs Wallop, Youth Finds

A 16-year-old Klamath boy found out that a quart and a half of whiskey is pretty stout medicine for a man several times his age.

The youth was picked up at the Southern Pacific depot a bit on the sick side, by SP special officers and city police, and turned over to juvenile authorities.

for the Ralph L. Smith Lumber company and had come to Klamath Falls to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. He was planning to go to Tennant to get personal belongings when the firewater proved too much for his 'teenage' system. The youth declined to enlighten officers as to where he obtained the whiskey.

## 13-YEAR-OLD BOY FOUND DEAD HERE

William Bernard Grubb, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Grubb of 4517 Winter, was found dead by his mother and younger brother James, shortly before 6 o'clock last night, apparently a victim of strangulation.

William was found lying on the floor of the new house his father is building, his head in the noose of a rope which hung from a beam above. The child, alone at the time, is thought to have tied the rope to the beam, and fashioned a bowline knot which he placed over his head. William was subject to fainting attacks and in the opinion of Dr. George A. Adler, county coroner, apparently fainted as he placed the knot, which is not a slip knot, around his head. The body was partially on the floor, Dr. Adler said.

Mrs. Grubb had sent her younger son James to call William for dinner. James sought his brother in vain and then made a second search, accompanied by his mother. The two went into the skeleton structure which Carl Grubb is building in his spare time in front of his house. (Continued on Page Two)

## Ackley Mill Will Start Spring Cut

The old Ackley mill—oldest mill in operation in Klamath Falls—will start its spring cut at the end of this week or the first of next week. It will be operated by the Link River Lumber company, formerly the Modoc Lumber company, which cut about 10,000,000 feet there last year.

Logs from the Shaw operations at Tionesta will be saved at the Ackley mill which employs about 35 men. About 15 carloads of logs have been dumped in the pond, and the mill is being put into shape for operation.

The Ackley mill, long operated by Ackley Brothers, was established in 1904. It stands on the shore of Lake Ewauna, on Klamath avenue.

## ONE-MAN NATIONAL FOOD BOSS SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—Republican demands for a one-man national food boss sounded on Capitol Hill today as congress itself stepped into the picture of shortages for a closer look-see.

"We have no partisan desire in this matter," said Chairman Jenkins of Ohio of the Republican Congressional Food Study committee as he and other members of the group issued their call for centralized control.

It is the only way, they contended, to solve the problem of increasing food shortages and prevent greater ones from developing.

Both senate and house meanwhile, moved to investigate everything from black markets to foreign stockpiles as they affect the food situation.

## Harold Manning Still Missing

State police and sheriff's officers continued in their search Tuesday for evidence in the disappearance of Harold Manning, Agency lake trapper, missing since last Tuesday.

Little hope had been held for the missing man when he failed to return from running his lines on the lake, but the search was to continue, officers said.

## Killed In Action



Pvt. Elvin E. Anderson

## Anderson Killed On Iwo Jima

Word was received at the Marine Barracks on Monday that Pvt. Elvin E. Anderson, 22, U. S. Marine corps, who was attached to the 4th division, died of wounds received in action at Iwo Jima on March 5.

Young Anderson was from Mt. Shasta, Calif., and prior to his enlistment in May of 1944, worked for the Mt. Shasta Pine company. After training in this country, he reported for overseas duty in the fall of last year.

Anderson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith Mae Anderson, who with her daughter, Sharon Ann, is living with her parents, 4629 Thompson avenue.

## Troop Transport Plane Crashes

FORT RANDALL, Alaska, March 20 (AP)—An 11th Air Force C-47 troop transport plane with six men aboard crashed in Cathedral valley near Mount Pavlov Sunday.

Search planes found wreckage strewn over the valley and a man was seen beside it waving frantically. A rescue party was sent overland to bring back survivors and bodies of possible casualties.

The transport was bound from Elmendorf field at Anchorage to Adak on the Aleutian chain. It was the third troop transport plane to be lost in the far northern flying operations in three years.

## PFC Henry Ashurst Wounded In Action

Word has been received here that PFC Henry Ashurst, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Ashurst of Prescott, was wounded in action serving with the fifth marines on Iwo Jima.

The Ashursts formerly lived in Klamath Falls, E. B. Ashurst serving a six-year term as judge of the Klamath county circuit court. PFC Ashurst received a wound in the shoulder and is hospitalized, but word from his family advised that he is not seriously hurt. T/5 Aaron E. Ashurst of the signal corps, a second son, is serving in East Africa with the U. S. army.

## Howling Wind Ushers In Spring

A howling wind ushered in the first day of spring. Skies were overcast and Old Jue couldn't make up his ornery mind whether he'd just let 'er blow or really pour it on.

But rainy and windy as it has been this past week, spring arrived today at 4:38 p. m. This leads to the question many have been asking—doesn't spring start March 21—tomorrow? Usually it does, but a variation this year makes it today—March 20. And don't ask why!

There is no encouragement in the forecast, no matter how often you read it. Skies will remain just as un-springlike and the wind will howl just as high, according to the US weather-man.

## RUSSIANS LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE

By RICHARD KASISCHKE  
 LONDON, March 20 (AP)—Russian troops launching a renewed offensive in Hungary have smashed to within less than 12 miles of Komarom, on the Danube northwest of Budapest, the German high command said today.

Earlier, Stalin announced the fall of Braunsberg, in the collapsing Nazi pocket southwest of Koenigsberg in east Prussia to the third White Russian army.

Berlin meanwhile declared new Russian offensives were beating through western Hungary toward Austria, and through upper Silesia in Germany.

Seizure of Aitdamm liquidated the powerfully-fortified German bridgehead on the east bank of the Oder river before Stettin, Stalin declared.

By capturing Aitdamm, Marshal Gregory Zhukov's troops outflanked Germans still on the Oder's east bank north and south of Stettin. The suburb lies just east of the eastern channel of the Oder, beyond which lies Stettin, by German account, largely aflame from shelling.

Aitdamm fell after the bloodiest fighting of the whole Pomeranian campaign.

In western Hungary, the German high command declared a renewed soviet offensive had smashed to within less than 12 miles of Komarom, on the Danube northwest of Budapest, and to within 58 miles of the Austrian frontier.

Berlin broadcasts said the red army also had thrust out in a huge drive to clear German upper Silesia, capturing Neustadt. Moscow dispatches, silent concerning both these fronts, reported Germans trapped in a dwindling pocket on the east Prussian coast southwest of Koenigsberg had opened coastal dikes, flooding the lowlands in efforts to halt a soviet extermination push.

The German high command declared the third Ukrainian army lashing out northwest of Budapest had carried beyond Tata, 12 miles from Komarom, German stronghold on the Danube's south bank at the Hungarian-Slovakian frontier. Komarom is 45 miles northwest of Budapest, and 84 miles from Vienna.

## QUEEN WILHELMINA RETURNS HOME

LONDON, March 20 (AP)—Queen Wilhelmina, first of Europe's exiled monarchs to return home, has visited liberated areas of Holland and received a tremendous ovation from her people, it was announced today.

The queen toured freed areas after a plane trip from London to Brussels which contrasted strongly with her hurried flight in May, 1940 when German parachutists attempted to capture her as they invaded the Netherlands.

Newspaper reports of her return were believed already sweeping via underground channels through occupied sections of Holland, where hundreds of thousands of Dutch citizens still are under the Nazi yoke.

## City Council Gives Green Light to New Teen-Age Club

City council last night approved an appropriation of \$750 for the proposed teen-age club, with the understanding that the county court will match that amount to furnish sufficient funds for remodeling armory quarters for the club.

Mayor Ed Ostendorf told the council he had a promise from the court for half of the amount which the recreation committee had recommended be spent from city recreation funds for this purpose.

(County Judge U. E. Reeder said today that he knows of no formal action by the county court appropriating money for the teen-age club. He said the armory committee at a meeting Wednesday may consider such action. Councilman Rollin Cantrall, member of the armory board, said after last night's council meeting that if the county money is not forthcoming, he is certain the city will appropriate the entire \$1500 as recommended by the recreation committee next Monday.)

It was indicated that the council would have voted the entire \$1500 had not the mayor reported his agreement with the county court. A majority of the councilmen had been reported as favorable to the appropriation.

Under the recommendation of the recreation committee, two of its members are expected to serve on the advisory board of the teen-age club.

Bob McLean, KUHS student body president, reud the con-

stitution of the club, which will be for any high school student of Klamath county. Purpose is to provide wholesome recreation for teen-agers, who have found themselves "out in the cold" with local interest devoted largely to service men's hospitality.

Councilman Rollin Cantrall stated that he felt the teen-age appropriation was thoroughly justified as a proper expenditure of recreation funds.

Councilman Angus Newton said he favors the appropriation, but said the council should be wary of establishing a precedent for raids on the recreation fund by every group that has a recreation idea.

The council voted against appropriating funds at present for a car for the recreation director. It favored a plan to pay \$1.50 a night expenses for women counselors at the girls' club.

City Engineer E. A. Thomas reported that the public roads administration is expected to settle the city's claim for \$1905 for damages done on Eldorado street by trucks carrying gravel to military installation construction.

Councilman Newton proposed that the city consider licensing punchboards as a means of additional revenue. Mayor Ostendorf asked that the council postpone discussion of this matter.

Under the mayor's prodding, the council closed up its weekly business in a hurry and adjourned within an hour after opening.

## Houses Will Get Boat Ride

Twenty-five Modoc Point houses are going for a boat ride. Over Upper Klamath lake, they'll be brought to Klamath Falls, where they will constitute the major project undertaken by the local housing organization.

T. B. Walters, real estate agent representing W. E. Lamm, manager of the Modoc Point buildings, said the house-moving program will start about April 1.

At last night's council meeting, Lamm's offer of \$2283 for lots on Lakeside street, owned by the city, was accepted. Most of the houses will be located on those lots, which are near the shopping center at Oregon avenue and Biehn street.

The houses will be floated by barge to Klamath Falls, and house-mover will take them from the shore to the Lakeside site. The houses are part of the settlement around the mill at Modoc Point, which has ceased operation.

## 5 Cars Derailed On S. P. Train

Five baggage cars and a coach on northbound Southern Pacific passenger train No. 16 were derailed on a siding at Penoyer, 45 miles south of here, last night. No one was injured.

The train was pulling into a siding when a rail broke behind the engine.

Wrecker crews went out from here and an extra gang already at Penoyer went to work immediately. No. 16, due here at 10:50 p. m., arrived after 4 a. m.

## Legislators Return Home

Senator Marshall Cornett and Representatives Henry Semon and Rose Poole were home today from Salem, following adjournment of the legislature.

The Klamath delegates said they felt the session was a constructive one but that it was arduous, especially in the final days before adjournment.