

CARRIER FORCES TRAP JAP FLEET

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GREAT news comes from the Pacific, where Admiral Nimitz's carrier planes have been going after the remnants of the Jap fleet holed up in the Inland sea, a small, almost land-locked body of water between Kyushu, Shikoku and the southwestern tip of Honshu. The attack began on Sunday, when Mitscher's planes concentrated on the ring of air bases and whose defenses the Jap ships were lurking. Our reports show the enemy flak "so thick you could walk on it," but one wild day they put the bulk of the Jap interceptors and aircraft guns more or less out of commission. The next day, Monday, they went after the fleet itself. It crippled 17 enemy warships, including a battleship of the largest Jap class, a battleship converted into a big aircraft carrier, three large aircraft carriers, a heavy and a light cruiser and miscellaneous smaller warships. Admiral Nimitz says these constituted the principal remaining units of the Jap navy.

It suffered some damage to our ships, including some of the bigger ones, and lost some planes, but our damage was small in comparison with that inflicted on the enemy. Great victories are bloodless, and battering the bulk of what is left of the Jap fleet is a great victory. It would have been better, of course, if we could have SUNK them all, but a crippled ship is out of action, and experience in Europe indicates that most of these damaged enemy vessels may never get out whatever havens they may be able to limp into. Once we get a German ship crippled and penned up in some harbor, our planes were really able to KEEP it there.

After cleaning up the Philippines rapidly. Our men are landing on Panay island and pushing their way into the burning city of Iloilo. Panay is in the center of the group, due west of Leyte. If you get out your map and take a careful look at it, you will be impressed by the fact that with the Philippines once securely in our grip BORNEO, with its great oil fields, will be a short distance away. At present, ALL the oil in the Pacific has to come from the Western Hemisphere—distances away and therefore requiring huge fleets of tankers. If we could get the bulk of our oil from Borneo, it would simplify our transport problem greatly. Watch Borneo.

The war in Europe is shaping up toward Armageddon. We now are cleaning up the Ruhr basin—Germany's third most important industrial area. The other two are the Ruhr and the Saar. The Russians hold the gates of the Ruhr, as well as the Saar. The 3rd army, moving from the Saar from the north, is now driving up the Rhine and are smashing the Germans out of it to the west, driving them into them from both sides. It looks as if we have about 100,000 nazis in the Saar trap. We and the British now hold the west bank of the Rhine from the Dutch border to Switzerland, along with 24 miles of the EAST bank across from Mannheim, where the Germans, with their best troops, have been unable to wipe out our defenses.

The Russians hold all the east bank of the Oder, from its mouth in the Baltic, to the Czechoslovakian border, more than 500 miles to the south. They are across the Oder in its upper reaches, and probably have bridgeheads east of Berlin. In weeks they have been piling up massive strength on the east bank. In a few months, we and the British have been piling up massive strength along the lower Rhine.

Soon, inevitably, the time must come when the Russians, bursting across the Oder, will close in from the east while we and the British close in from the west. That will be Armageddon in Europe.

The Russians have taken Altamont, across the Oder from Berlin, by storm. They report both military and civilian (Continued on Page Three)

Governor Snell Signs Two Bills
SALEM, March 21 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell today signed bills 342, which provides that war veterans shall have preference in public employment within the state. The secretary of state to any city upon application to serve as the basis for distribution of the cities' liquor commission income, was also signed today by Governor.

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Nazis Lose 100,000 In Saar

NAVY DIRECTS PERSONNEL TO WATCH CURFEW

"Hour of Tolerance" Defended by LaGuardia

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP)—The navy, following the army's lead, today directed its personnel to observe the nation-wide midnight amusement curfew which Mayor LaGuardia has extended in New York City to 1 a. m.

LaGuardia continued to defend the "hour of tolerance" which he granted night spots and theatres. He said of President Roosevelt, who spoke in favor of midnight closing yesterday, "He's running the country; I'm just running the city."

Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly, third naval district commander, announced that naval personnel in amusement places after midnight would be notified by shore police that they were violating the curfew.

Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal said a short time earlier that he would approve any action taken by Kelly. The war department ordered soldiers last night to stay out of amusement places after midnight.

LaGuardia, questioned as he entered the municipal building, said he was "too busy running the city" to comment on the nation-wide reaction to his defiance of the midnight deadline and apparently referred to the time he sought an army commission.

The war department move, interpreted as the government's first countermovement against LaGuardia's curfew extension, was put into effect here last night.

In New York City, which still is holding out as a 1 a. m. oasis, the order came as a surprise to cafe owners, barkeepers and grumbling soldiers.

Grocery Store Looted Here
The makings of a Dutch lunch was included in the loot from the Fifth Avenue grocery at Altamont and LaVerne this week-end, according to a report made by the owner-operator, Raymond Merrill Schiffman, to state police.

Entrance into the building was made via the back door and out that way went one case of regular beer, one case of Mexican beer, six pounds of wieners, two loaves of bread and some canned meat. Amount of the loot totaled some \$10.40.

It's Love-Love-Love!
Yep, 'tis spring, no less—honestly! Don't be deceived by all of this wind, rain, hail, snow, etc., etc.—anyone can tell you that we are having very unusual weather! Despite the fact that there are few evidences of budding flowers and trees in our vicinity, there is no lack of perennial herald of spring—love in bloom. This year Cupid can really rest on his proverbial laurels as a match-maker as a result of the presence of the service personnel at the local military installations, and the records maintained at the office of the county clerk reveal that the marines already have the situation well in hand as far as applications for marriage licenses are concerned. If there are as many serious cases of spring fever as of previous years, the matter of matrimony should reach an all-time high.

How to keep the home fires burning via long distance is the problem facing more than one girl this spring, and due to the fact that civilian travel is somewhat curtailed to the various theaters of war, the principal solution seems to lie with letters, and lots of 'em, to the boys over there. Love by V-mail has its disadvantages, but the average "woman alone" isn't complaining—just waiting. Spring has come—and the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of what the girls have been thinking about all winter!

Southern Oregon War Bond Leaders Handed Big Job



This picture was taken at last night's southern Oregon war bond conference at the Willard hotel, and it shows Rose Poole, Klamath campaign chairman, getting the news of Klamath's record \$1,538,000 E bond quota for the Seventh War Loan. In the picture, front: William Bingham, State payroll savings head; N. H. Zachariassen, Jackson chairman; Ray Harlan, Lake chairman; Mrs. Poole; Ken Martin, state war bond manager; A. M. Collier, Klamath county chairman. At rear: Vern Owens, county co-chairman; Charles Mack, Klamath payroll savings chief; Wilbur Carl, state staff.

RUSSIANS SMASH ODER BRIDGEHEAD

By DANIEL DE LUCE
MOSCOW, March 21 (AP)—The first White Russian army, now in possession of virtually the entire east bank of the Oder from the Baltic to its confluence with the Neisse, crowded siege artillery to the very edge of Stettin today after wiping out the enemy's Altdamm bridgehead.

The menace to Berlin grew hourly as Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov probed many places along the river, seeking springboards for his next big attack east and northeast of ruined Berlin.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev still is engaged in liquidating trapped garrisons in Breslau and Glogau (Continued on Page Three)

Stockman Bill Gets Approval

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—The stockman bill to empower the Klamath Indians to establish a game code for their reservation has been approved by the house Indian affairs committee.

The measure would regulate hunting, fishing and trapping by Indians or non-Indians within the reservation boundaries and carries heavy penalties for violations.

The committee also approved a bill by Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) to allow the Klamath Tribal council to pay salaries and expenses of its members while engaged on tribal business.

The Indian game code measure mentioned in the above story regulars to permit whites to fish and hunt on the reservation under certain restrictions, it is understood here.

Submarine Barbel Presumed Lost
WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—The submarine Barbel is overdue from patrol and presumed lost with its officers and crew, normally about 65 men.

A navy communique today said news of kin had been notified. The vessel, commanded by Lt. Comdr. Conde LeRoy Raguet, was the 34th American submarine reported overdue and presumed lost, and the 40th lost from all causes, including four sunk and two destroyed to prevent capture. It was the 273rd naval vessel of all types lost in the war.

2 Women's Organizations Will Lead Klamath County To Record E Bond Quota

Klamath county looked today to two women's organizations to lead it to a record E bond quota of \$1,538,000 in the Seventh War Loan which starts next month and ends in July.

The E bond figure is approximately half a million dollars more than any previous E bond quota assigned this county. The total quota of \$2,947,000, however, is less than the total sales in some of the previous war bond drives.

Rose M. Poole, just home from her first term in the state legislature, is the general chairman of the big Seventh War Loan drive. Her appointment, as well as the quotas, was announced at a dinner meeting at the Willard hotel last night of war bond workers of southern Oregon counties, attended by state bond leaders.

The Business and Professional Women's club and the Soroptimist club will join in the leadership of the Seventh War Loan drive, it was stated by Andrew Collier, county war finance chairman.

Quotas were also announced last night for Jackson and Lake counties, whose bond chairmen were present. Jackson was assigned \$1,067,000 in E bonds and the reservation which unleashed one of the greatest coordinated attacks of the war.

The four-engine bombers from Britain attacked the Reich in relays, while tactical aircraft from continental bases mauled German troops reeling from the American advance toward the Rhine.

Still another fleet of U. S. 15th air force bomber formations from Italy assaulted nazi communications in Austria.

Portland Traffic Toll Numbers 23
PORTLAND, March 21 (AP)—Portland's 1945 traffic toll stood at 23 today with the death of Ernest F. Schaefer, 10, fatally injured when a truck backed into him.

Police said the driver apparently failed to see the boy standing behind the vehicle yesterday. Last year's fatalities at this time totaled only 10.

Weather News

March 21, 1945
Max. (March 20) 43 Min. 33
Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
Stream year to date 7.82
Normal 8.86 Last year 5.98
Forecast: Cooler tonight, cloudiness Thurs.

PATTON'S 3RD SMASHES INTO LUDWIGSHAFEN

Nazi Hold On Rhine Cut to 35-Mile Escape Gap

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, March 21 (AP)—The third army, continuing its spectacular race which has turned the German stand in the Saar and Palatinate into a disastrous debacle at a cost that may amount to 100,000 nazi casualties, smashed into the city of Ludwigshafen today.

The same armored division which has played an anonymous role in the current drive from the Moselle, dashed into the twin city of Mannheim which is one of the greatest chemical producing centers of Germany.

Mannheim, just across the Rhine from Ludwigshafen, is 160 miles from Munich in the heart of southern Germany and 75 miles from the starting point of the offensive.

But as elsewhere Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's men found the Rhine bridge there had been demolished. The structure which connected much-bombed Ludwigshafen and Mannheim was one of the most imposing along the Rhine.

Two German armies, the first and seventh, either were wiped out or doomed except for shattered elements.

30,000 Nazis Captured
At supreme headquarters, it was estimated that the swift third army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. alone had herded an estimated 30,000 nazis into prison pens in 48 hours as it and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army closed new traps which might boost the overall total of captured in the whirlwind campaign to 75,000.

The seventh army, driving up from the southern bases of the Saarland and Palatinate, did not even tabulate its prisoners beyond the first 6000.

Cities such as Saarbruecken, Kaiserslautern, Worms, Voelkingen, Zweibruecken, Homburg and St. Ingbert toppled like ten pins. The hard hitting Americans—27 divisions in all or nearly 400,000 men—were advancing steadily.

The German hold on the west bank of the upper Rhine was narrowed to a 35-mile escape gap between the Karlsruhe and Ludwigshafen areas and it appeared doubtful whether the wounded Wehrmacht could scrape together enough men from the defeat to man properly (Continued on Page Three)

Evidence Found Of Missing Man

A gas can, found between the Manning cabin on Agency lake and Hansen's landing, was identified by Elmer Manning as part of the equipment in Harold Manning's boat when he left his home eight days ago to run his trap lines. Manning has not been heard from since that day.

An Indian by the name of Whitefoot told officers he found the gas can on Thursday, March 15, at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon but at that time did not know that Manning was missing.

Four Negro Wacs Draw Sentence

FORT DEVENS, Mass., March 21 (AP)—Convicted of refusal to obey orders, four negro Wacs were sentenced last night to one year at hard labor and to be discharged dishonorably.

Queen of Ball



Delta Lewis was chosen queen of the Green-and-Gold ball which is to take place tonight at Reames Golf and Country club, and the coronation will be held at 9 o'clock. The ball, an annual affair, is sponsored by the Mutual Improvement Association of the Latter Day Saints church.

CRAWFORD INDICTED BY GRAND JURY HERE

Three true bills were returned by the Klamath county grand jury late Tuesday afternoon, two against Merle Malcolm Crawford indicting him on charges of rape and sodomy, the third against Stanley Angus on an indictment of uttering a forged bank check.

Crawford will appear for arraignment at 10 a. m. Saturday, it was announced today by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg. It is understood that George Roberts, well known Medford attorney, will represent Crawford who has been in the county jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond since his arrest the night of February 20 when he allegedly attacked a Mills addition white woman.

Angus appeared in circuit court at 2 p. m. today entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to not more than two years in the state penitentiary by Judge Vandenberg. He will be taken to Salem this week.

The man has been in custody of the county jail since his arrest on the charge of uttering a forged check to the amount of \$18. The check was cashed at the Waldorf pool hall.

Rodney Bortis Prisoner of War

Word was received Tuesday from the war department by Mr. and Mrs. Clemens W. Bortis, 640 Roseway drive, that their son, S/Sgt. Rodney D. Bortis, of the army air corps has been reported a prisoner of the Germans. Young Bortis was listed as missing in action over Germany since mid-January.

The telegram reads: "Report just received through International Red Cross states that your son, S/Sgt. Rodney D. Bortis is a prisoner of war of the German government. Letter of information follows."

Bortis served as tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, and has been overseas since August of 1944. He was believed to be based in England at the time of the operation, which was thought to have been his last mission before returning home.

Bortis is a graduate of Klamath Union high school with the class of 1943, and moved to Klamath Falls with his family eight years ago. The father of the prisoner is with the government under civil service on a job at the Marine Barracks.

HEAVY DAMAGE INFLICTED ON NIP WARSHIPS

Mitscher Within Sixty Miles of Jap Homeland

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
A thousand or more American carrier planes trapped the elusive Japanese fleet in the Inland sea, crippled 17 warships, sank or damaged 13 merchant vessels and destroyed 475 aircraft in a two-day foray that jolted the enemy into excited preparations today for the inevitable battle of Japan.

A jubilant communique from Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced "crippling damage was inflicted on the Japanese fleet" without loss of a single American warship.

Mitscher Moves In
Radio Tokyo reported Vice Adm. Marc Mitscher's carrier forces were within 60 miles of the homeland and would return for further attacks. Government spokesmen said new fortifications were being built throughout Japan to repel an invasion, the army was preparing to take over private property, factories were being rushed into underground fortifications, and newly-evacuated areas of Tokyo would be demolished as firebreaks to lessen damage from Superfort raids.

San Fernando Captured
Conquest of the Philippines quickened. Guerrillas captured San Fernando, important port north of Manila. The U. S. 40th division on Panay advanced 25 miles to join strong guerrilla forces, reached the edge of flaming Iloilo and captured its airport. Conquest of Basilan island was completed with the capture of Imbabura in a combined amphibious air-landing operation.

The months-long hunt for Japan's fleet reached climax Monday when carrier airmen found principal units of the surviving imperial navy hiding in the 240-mile long Inland sea. Hamilton Faxon, Associated Press war correspondent with Mitscher's task force 58, said these were heavily damaged.

A 45,000-ton Yamato class battleship, four large carriers, four small carriers, two cruisers, four destroyers, one destroyer escort and one submarine.

Six small freighters were sunk and seven others probably sunk. Arsenals, hangars, shops and oil tanks were destroyed in military installations on the three islands bordering the sea—Kyushu, Shikoku and Hanshu.

Two hundred Japanese planes were shot down, 275 wrecked on the ground and more than 100 others damaged.

Many of the enemy aircraft were brought down in persistent attacks on Mitscher's ships. One American warcraft was heavily damaged and a "few others received minor change." All withdrew under their own power.

American Losses Light
Admiral Nimitz described American aircraft losses as "extremely light." Most of those brought down were victims of anti-aircraft fire which pilots said was "heavy enough to walk on."

Japanese imperial communique claimed eight U. S. warships were sunk, two damaged and 187 attacking aircraft shot down.

Heavy air attacks were also made on main Japanese concentrations in northern Luzon. It was in this general area that guerrillas seized San Fernando on Lingayen gulf. The U. S. 33rd division drove 10 miles northward to come within six miles of a junction with these guerrillas.

Brennan-Cahoon Submits Low Bid
Brennan and Cahoon, Marine Barracks contractors, submitted the low bid today on the USO remodeling program for the Arcade garage building.

Tall Snow Tales Get Bird

Tall tales of deep snow in nearby mountain passes got the bird at today's meeting of the chamber of commerce directors. Vern Owens reported that the Josephine county war bond chairman, slated to attend a bond conference here last night, gave up the trip when he was told there were five feet of snow on Greensprings pass.

N. H. Zachariassen, the Jackson county chairman, heard there were 14 inches of snow on the pass. He summoned courage and started out, finding the road open and in good shape.

Chamber directors, declaring that such erroneous stories have been heard in the Rogue river country for many winters, ordered letters sent to the Medford and Grants Pass chambers, asking that they do their best to circulate the proper information on Greensprings road conditions.