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Herald and News

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Weather News
(March 26)
Max. (March 25) ..... 46 Min. 29
Precipitation last 24 hours ..... Trace
Stream year to date 7.91
Normal ..... 9.04 Last year 5.99
Forecast: Clear tonight and Tuesday. Slightly warmer.

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HE river Rhine, uncrossed against German opposition in re than a century (we rched over it in 1918 AFTER German surrender), is today ROKEN line. We're over it t least seven places from the iss border to Holland, and crossings are reported this rning.

More than 80 miles of its east nk are in our possession. Parts six allied armies are already nting beyond it.

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N the lower Rhine, north of the Ruhr, Montgomery's dgehead is 31 miles wide at base and the point of his dge has been driven to a depth more than ten miles.

South of the Ruhr, the U. S. army's Remagen bridgehead 35 miles wide at its base and miles deep. Our strategy ms obvious. We're driving a dge north of the Ruhr and an er to the south. If as and en we can, we'll JOIN their nts, ISOLATING the Ruhr ley and its great armament nts.

Far to the south, Patton is er the Rhine with seven dges behind him for reinforcet and supply and is booming ead on one of his typical ram- es. He is reported this morn- 40 MILES inland from the er's east bank.

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much for the western front. In the east, the Russians seem s morning to be concentrating Vienna, which they are ap- oaching from three sides— m Hungary to the southeast, m Slovakia to the east and wn through Czechoslovakia's ravian gap to the north. There is heavy fighting in ngary, where the reds are now miles from Vienna. They re- t that in the "past few days" y have taken 83,000 German soners and destroyed more n 1000 German tanks.

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ATTON is operating under a tight security blackout, with le information as to his move- nts. The map suggests that he may be headed for Vienna d a possible junction with the ssians. Once through the st of hills east of the ine, he would have the open ley of the Danube ahead of n.

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ON'T discount this fighting for Vienna, which is fully important to the ending of the r as Berlin. Vienna is the tern gateway to the mountain gion where the nazis are re- rted to be planning to take to e hills for a guerrilla last nd. Patton is headed toward e northern approaches to this ea. If he can keep going, he ll cut the railroads and high- ys by which the nazis must ch it from the north.

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HERE is still little or no news from the Russians on the er east and northeast of Ber- . This suggests that the Ger- ns may be HOLDING HARD- T there—that they may be re afraid of the Russians than us and the British.

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ISENHOWER is reported to have a million and a quarter OCK troops on the west. e Russians have fully as many the east. What the Germans ve to meet this mighty ham- r and anvil force we outsiders n't know.

There are reports this morning t the "severely mauled and be- dered wehrmacht appears where able to check our ad- nces."

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HE weather has worsened a little, with a drizzling rain ling on the western front, but r air force is still operating ectively and the rain isn't

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echen May Be lissing in Action

Unofficial word that S/Sgt. arby B. Bechen is missing in ion reached here today when letter written to Bechen was urned with the notation, issing in action" on the en- ope.

Bechen is well-known here, ving served as accountant in county assessor's office under arles H. Mack. He also was filiated with Earl Hamaker of National Farm Loan associa- n prior to entering the army. Word that Bechen was award- the Bronze Star late last fall ile leading night reconnais- ce patrols through the Ger- n lines pleased friends of the ntryman. Hope is held out t he has either been taken soner or returned to his outfit hin recent weeks, as no offi- l word that Bechen is missing come through official chan- s.

STEVENS TRIAL OPENS TODAY, JURY SELECTED

Defense Charges Bold Made Improper Advances

Charges that Karl Bold made improper advances to PFC Herbert Daniel Stevens, Marine Barracks, the night before the Henley farmer was found unconscious in the rear of Kern's Implement company, were made by the defense this morning as the trial of the young marine opened before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Opening statements of both defense and prosecution were completed shortly after noon Monday.

Stevens is specifically charged with robbery not armed with a dangerous weapon. The charge grew out of the death of Bold, whom the state contends was with Stevens at the time he received injuries which caused his death on December 10.

Defense Attorney Joseph C. O'Neill, in his statement to the jury, charged that Stevens took Bold's car the night of December 6, only because he, Stevens, did not know where Bold had driven and he wanted to get back to town.

The case got underway rapidly and the jury selected within a short time Monday morning. Serving will be the following

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ALLIED AIRMEN HIT STRATEGIC TARGETS

By HENRY B. JAMESON

LONDON, March 26 (AP) — Two oil plants, a gun factory and an armored car works in southeastern Germany were attacked today by 300 escorted American bombers as the airmen switched back to strategic targets after a weeklong bombing prelude for the Rhine offensive.

The small force of heavy bombers split into two task forces over Leipzig. One went for a synthetic oil plant and a natural oil refinery at Zeitz, 20 miles south of Leipzig, while the other flew to Plauen, 10 miles from the Czechoslovak border, and blasted the twin war factories.

41st Assault

The attack was the 41st heavy bomber assault on Germany in 42 days and was part

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Prevue for Easter Parade!

In spring a young man's fancy!
So is milady's chapeaux.

These models may represent victory gardens, hearts and flowers, combination salads or the dregs of a salvage drive. They were worn in the Easter parade which was part of the third annual birthday party of the OWAC.

Each lady made her hat and wore it—which must be a more pleasant experience than making your bed and lying on it, from the expressions on the women's faces.

The chic model sporting a stalk of celery, red cabbage, carrots, a couple of wieners and a fluff of parsley, would make a ration-sick, foxhole-weary serviceman drool and slaver with delight. It should also be approved by the nutritions committee, displaying a balanced and complete diet.

Another advantage of the prize-winning masterpiece is that at any moment something new may be added—like a pair of vultures on a scavenger hunt.

Denny Rees Comes Home

Major and Mrs. Denton J. Rees and son, Jon, were greeted by friends upon their arrival from San Francisco this morning. Major Rees, former Klamath Falls dentist, was a prisoner of the Japanese from the fall of Bataan until his liberation from Cabanatuan prison in the daring and historic raid. He plans to proceed to Vancouver Barracks for a routine physical check-up before returning to Klamath Falls on a 60-day leave. Left to right, Sgt. Charles Hunt of Weyerhaeuser, who was also a prisoner of the Japanese but made his escape; T. J. Webb, Dr. C. J. Cox, Major and Mrs. Rees and Jon.

Major Denny Rees Returns To Klamath Falls After 3 Years in Jap Prison Camp

Major Denton J. Rees, former Klamath Falls dentist who has been a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Bataan, and was recently liberated from Cabanatuan in the daring rescue made by MacArthur's Rangers, arrived in Klamath Falls on Monday morning, accompanied by his wife, Kay, and young son, Jon. Major Rees is en route to Barnes General hospital at Vancouver, Wash., for a routine physical examination after which he expects a two-months' leave, before reporting for further orders.

Rees said that the officers and men at Cabanatuan knew nothing of the surprise raid, although he heard later that the Rangers tried to get word to them through the Filipino guerrillas. According to Rees, notes were to have been delivered by shooting them into the prison with a sling shot, but the notes were never found, which was probably better because suspicion might have been aroused among the guards if men were seen preparing to leave.

At the time of his liberation, Rees was one of ten medical officers who were left at Cabanatuan, the rest having been sent to Japan. In addition to helping care for the wounded men, Rees held the position of head dental officer, mess officer and supply officer.

Over the three years of his imprisonment, Rees said that the first six to eight weeks were the worst. In regard to their treatment, he said that it varied, because Japanese officers were changed every few months, thereby changing the the manner of discipline. However, Rees stated that the average Jap showed his authority by "beating the hell out of them" in the event that regulations were slightly abused.

During the first few weeks, the conditions were very bad, men were dying right and left, there was no sanitation and dysentary was very prevalent. Almost all of the medical supplies were obtained through the Red Cross, with the exception of a little quinine and yeast, but the Red Cross was unable to get through to them until the Christmas of 1942.

Although the officers had no standing with the Japanese, Major Rees claimed that those working inside the camp, such as in the medical department,

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Marine Veteran Dies at Quantico

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP) Major General William H. Rupertus, 55, commandant of the U. S. marine corps schools at Quantico, Va., who led the first marine division in the South Pacific, died here last night.

Death was due to a heart attack while he and his wife and five-year-old son were visiting Col. R. C. Kilmartin, commanding officer of the marine barracks at the navy yard.

His last assignment in the Pacific war theater was commander of the marines in the invasion of Peleliu in the Palau islands.

No Action Taken In M-W Case

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP) The supreme court again refused today to take immediate jurisdiction of the Montgomery Ward case.

The court's action was announced in a brief order which stated merely that the government's petition for reconsideration was denied.

The tribunal on March 12 rejected requests by the government and Ward that it make a speedy determination on the validity of army seizure of the company's properties in seven cities.

TOKYO CLAIMS YANKS INVADE RYUKYU ISLES

American Bombs Hit Japanese Source of Aluminum

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Unconfirmed Japanese broadcasts reported today American amphibious forces were "attempting to invade" two of the Rkukyu islands, in the center of an area of announced air and naval attacks that knocked out 25 Japanese ships and crippled war industries in Japan and Formosa.

The Japanese invasion report said sea-borne Yanks struck at Toka and Aka islands about 15 miles west of Okinawa, major island of the Ryukyu chain.

Japanese propagandists said the islands were being attacked as springboards for an assault on Japan proper, about 350 miles to the northeast. If true, the action represents a departure from the recent practice of heavy and lengthy pre-invasion bombardments.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the Ryukyus were shelled by the 16-inch guns of America's most modern battleships Friday and Saturday while carrier planes swept over half a dozen islands, centering their attack around Okinawa. Tokyo said 58 warships and innumerable auxiliaries made up the carrier and bombardment force, which it reported southwest of Okinawa.

Sea-borne planes reached to the northern tip of the Ryukyus where they wiped out an eight-ship convoy consisting of three cargo vessels and five escorting warcraft.

Three other Japanese vessels were damaged off the northern Ryukyus and the Bonins by naval search planes presumably operating from newly conquered Iwo.

Jap Aluminum Plants Hit

Fourteen more were destroyed or damaged off the China coast by Philippines-based bombers. Fighter-escorted Liberators from the Philippines destroyed the Kitsugetsu hydroelectric plant supplying perhaps two-thirds of the war industries on southern Formosa including two aluminum plants supplying 15 per cent of Japan's aluminum.

Marianas-based B-29s, in the tenth raid on Nagoya in about three months, destroyed much of the Mitsubishi aircraft engine plant and damaged four other war industries in a low-level attack in perfect bombing weather. Three planes failed to return.

The B-29s struck before dawn Sunday morning, a few hours before the reported Rkukyu invasion attempt. The

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Man Offers To Buy Cow-- Josephine Dies

HEPPNER, March 26 (AP)—Mrs. C. P. Brown, who lives on a farm near here, today was mourning the loss of her cow, Josephine.

The other night a man stopped by and offered to buy Josephine. Mrs. Brown refused.

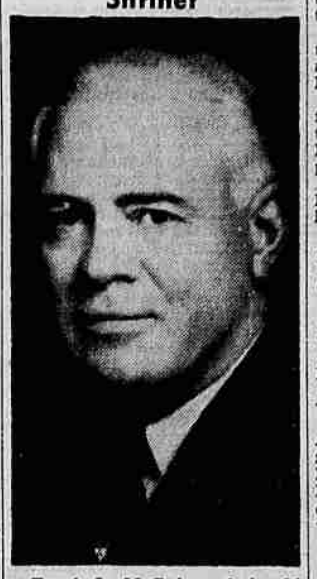
"I wouldn't take $500 for her," she declared staunchly.

The next day Josephine laboriously gave birth to a husky bull calf, then died.

Wounded

Pvt. Elwyn Silva

Shriner



Frank L. McGuire, of the Al Kader temple in Portland, congratulated the Klamath Falls Shrine club on their activities and marvelous work in the financial support given to the hospital for crippled children. The letter, received by Noble H. E. Jones, also congratulated the club on its success in the annual benefit dances.

This year's annual Shrine benefit dance will be held Saturday night, April 7.

KLAMATH SHRINE CLUB COMMENDED

A letter was recently received by Noble H. E. Jones from Frank L. McGuire of the Al Kader temple of the Shrine club in Portland, stating that he had received a letter from Mayor R. E. Riley, setting forth in detail the actvities and marvelous work of the Klamath Falls Shrine club. Mayor Riley, who is chairman of the board of governors of the Shriners' hospital for crippled children, also complimented the Klamath Falls organization on the financial support which has been given to the hospital in Portland.

The letter from McGuire, which also congratulated the club on the success of its annual benefit dance, goes on to say:

"Our board of governors and every member of Al Kader temple is deeply appreciative of the grand job you are doing in helping to finance and make possible the greatest humanitarian movement ever conceived, making it possible for these unfortunate children to take their places in the future as active, successful business and professional men and women, instead of ever being condemned to crutches and wheel chairs."

Elwyn Silva Hurt in Action

Pvt. Elwyn Silva, 19, one of the outstanding football players with the Pelicans during his attendance at Klamath Union high school, was wounded on Iwo Jima while serving with the fourth marine division, according to word received here today.

Young Silva's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Silva, are now making their home at 1026 22nd street, Sacramento. Elwyn left KUHS in March of 1944, enlisted in the marine corps and went overseas with his division in November of last year.

The marine celebrated his 19th birthday March 22, according to his mother. His action on Iwo Jima was the first he had seen since his enlistment. Elwyn's wounds included a compound fracture of the left arm, as the slug from a Jap rifle penetrated the arm and the left hip. Word from the naval hospital in Hawaii advised Elwyn's parents that following an operation he is making satisfactory recovery.

U. S. Forces Surge Ahead In Big Drive

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, March 26 (AP)—An American first army armored column drove 22 miles closer to Berlin today while third army tanks farther south broke into Frankfurt, Germany's ninth city.

Near the northern end of the western front, surging forward under triphammer blows of 1,250,000 troops, the U. S. ninth army cracked through nazi defenses on the Lippe river east of Dorsten, 17 miles from the Rhine.

Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton's armor smashed into Frankfurt from the southwest after seizing a main river bridge intact in a two-column sweep from the third army bridgehead over the Rhine. They found miles of ruins in the city of 547,000 prewar population, one of Hitler's most important war arsenals.

Patton's fourth armored division already was far beyond Frankfurt, and had dashed across the Main river at Aschaffenburg, 235 miles southwest of Berlin, after winning a bridge there.

Details of the first army's sensational sweep northeast of Coblenz were not disclosed immediately.

In the northern end of the first army bridgehead, the advance carried past Altenkirchen, a road hub 20 miles from the Rhine and 257 miles from Berlin. Lt.-Gen. Courtney Hodges

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY, March 26 (AP)—U. S. first army troops are fighting in Limburg, 21 miles east of the Rhine and 25 miles northwest of Mainz.

was lashing out with "one of the greatest tank forces ever assembled on the western front," said AP Correspondent Don Whitehead.

German resistance in the west was largely broken and disorganized.

A first army armored column battled onto a highway northeast of Coblenz, and then rolled eastward almost without major opposition, whipping past villages with German garrisons which scarcely tried to halt the plunge.

Other tank-infantry combat teams farther north in Lt.-Gen. Courtney Hodges' sector also were driving east, after gains up to 12 miles through Sunday and overnight.

Huge Gains Made

American and British airborne division were crashing through the broken and disorganized enemy for huge gains against light opposition in the northern sector.

The ninth army's 30th infantry division, breaking through nazi defenses on the Lippe river, collided with infantry of the German 10th panzer division and a field dispatch said a heavy battle was raging.

Sweeping out of their positions along the Issel river, British parachute troops drove to within a little more than a half-mile of Brunen, six miles northeast of Wesel, and were still advancing.

"There is nothing to halt a breakthrough," the commander of an American airborne unit said tonight.

The third army sent its tanks crashing across the Main river bridge at Aschaffenburg into the Frankfurt plain a bare 250 miles from Russian lines in the east.

Al Jolson Says "I Do" Again

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., March 26 (AP)—Al Jolson has taken his fourth bride.

She's 21-year-old Erle Galbraith, who has had a few minor parts in motion pictures.

The 56-year-old movie and radio singer eloped with her to the little town of Quartsite, Ariz., yesterday and was married by a justice of the peace. At Little Rock, Ark., the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Galbraith, said the couple telephoned them to say they would spend their honeymoon in New York and live in California.

Jolson has been recuperating in Palm Springs from an illness. He met Miss Galbraith last summer in Hot Springs, Ark., where she was an X-ray technician.

Jolson's previous wives were Alma Osborne Carlton, Ethel Delmar and Ruby Keeler.

Lloyd George Critically Ill

LONDON, March 26 (AP)—The condition of David Lloyd George, who has been ill for some weeks at his home in North Wales, is "becoming critical," a bulletin from his bedside said today.

RUSSIANS OPEN NEW OFFENSIVE IN SLOVAKIA

LONDON, March 26 (AP)—Marshal Stalin announced tonight the opening of a new offensive north of the Danube in Slovakia and said Banska Bystrica, former headquarters of a Czechoslovak underground uprising, had been captured.

The push, by Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's second Ukrainian army, was the fourth offensive launched by the Russians up the Danube and in Silesia in a converging drive on Vienna. Moscow said the enemy has shifted forces from Italy and the sagging western front for defense of the Austrian capital.

Below the Danube, Stalin in a second order of the day announced the capture of Papa, a communications center 31 miles from the Austrian frontier and 73 miles southeast of Vienna.

Fifteen miles below Papa the Russians also captured Devecser, 38 miles east of Szombathely, on the road from Veszprem.

Banska Bystrica Falls

The fall of Banska Bystrica, 12 miles above captured Zvolen and 75 miles north of Budapest, meant the Russians had forced the Hron river. The town is about 100 miles southeast of Marshal Ivan Konev's forces attacking Ratibor, near the Mora-

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OSCAR CAMPBELL DIES FROM BURNS

Oscar S. Campbell, 53, passed away at the Hillside hospital at 6:30 p. m. on Saturday, March 24, as a result of burns received when the Campbell ranch home was destroyed by fire on Tuesday, March 20.

The prominent Langell valley rancher was born on July 31, 1885 in the same home that burned last week, and lived there most of his life. This was the homestead of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Campbell, who came here in 1855 from Texas.

Campbell attended schools in Lorella and Klamath Falls. He was well-known for the interest he showed in the welfare and upbuilding of his community, serving as director of the Langell Valley irrigation district for many years, as well as the director in the soil conservation district since its organization in that community.

Campbell is survived by his wife, Bessie, his daughter, Evelyn, his son, Lawrence W. Campbell, as well as his brothers and sisters, Mrs. Louis Gerber of Klamath Falls, W. D. Campbell of Bonanza, W. R. Campbell of Bly, A. R. Campbell of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Frances Bowne of Klamath Falls, and Mrs. George H. Merryman Sr., also of Klamath Falls.

Services will be held at 2 o'clock on Wednesday at Whitlock's Funeral home, with the Reverend David Barnett of the First Presbyterian church officiating.

Walter Shadley Killed in Action

Sgt. Walter E. Shadley, United States army, was killed in action on Luzon in the Philippines, February 20, according to information sent by the war department to Sgt. Shadley's wife, Pearl, of Sprague River.

Sgt. Shadley was inducted into the service in October, 1942. He received his training at Fort Lewis and Camp Fenner, Calif., and went overseas in 1943. A native of Oregon, Sgt. Shadley was born at Fort Klamath, attended Chiloquin schools and was employed at Sprague River by the Crater Lake Lumber and Box company prior to his induction.

Salvage Drive Nets Sixty Tons of Waste Paper Here

Sixty tons of paper were collected in the junior chamber of commerce salvage drive with the kick-off pickup Sunday, March 25.

Bill Kunz, chairman of the junior C of C salvage drive, commended chamber members, Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts for their enthusiastic cooperation during the drive.

This is a continuing drive, Kunz stated, paper is needed constantly in the war effort, and bundles of paper may be left at Klamath salvage headquarters, 606 Market, any time.

Waste paper collected is made into cartons to ship war supplies, food rations and medical equipment to our armed forces at home and abroad. The paper shortage is drastic due to war conditions, and only through salvaging waste paper may the demand be filled.

Paper should be kept clean and dry, and tied in neat bundles, to facilitate handling and conserve shipping room in loading.

Two carloads of paper were obtained in the collection yesterday.