

# DANZIG FALLS TO RAGING REDS

## Herald and News

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KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1945

### Weather News

March 30, 1945  
Max. (March 29) 52 Min. 28  
Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
Stream year to date 7.91  
Normal 9.20 Last year 5.99  
Forecast: Clear today, tonight, Saturday.

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## Polish City Freed From Nazi Yoke

By JOHN F. CHESTER  
LONDON, March 30 (AP) — Danzig, where the war's shooting began in 1939, fell today to the red army. Marshal Stalin announced capture of the 10th century port a few hours after the German high command had broadcast a report of its loss. Stalin's broadcast order of the day said "the national banner of the Polish state" was hoisted over the former free city of Danzig. He announced 10,000 Germans were taken prisoner. Marshal Rokossovsky closed on the naval base so swiftly and efficiently, Stalin disclosed, that 45 U-boats were captured. Polish tankmen took part in the exploit, Stalin said. The Germans said, however, that fighting still was in progress on the Westerplatte, a sandy spit forming Danzig harbor where Poles held out in a fortress for a week in 1939. A city of 238,000, Danzig had been under close siege since March 23, when the third White Russian army of Marshal Vasilievsky drove to Zoppot on the Bay of Danzig, and separated the city from its rival Polish port of Gdynia, since-fallen to the Russians. The Russians encircled both Gdynia and Danzig on March 12, when they reached the bay north of Gdynia. SS troops fought bitterly on the many sections of the city cut by the waterways of the Vistula estuary. Danzig is a city of 50 bridges. Stronghold of the Teutonic knights and famous in the medieval Hanseatic league, Danzig is predominantly German in population. Hitler demanded that its status as a free city be cancelled and its territory be annexed to the Reich along with a "corridor" across the Polish corridor. This was the immediate cause of the conflict which broke out on September 1, 1939. The Nazis, using methods similar to those adopted for the conquest of Norway in 1940, smuggled troops and SS men under civilian guise into the city prior to the outbreak. Poles avenged. In reaching Danzig the Russians avenged the 202 gallant Poles who in September, 1939, stirred the world with their epic, seven-day stand on the Westerplatte, the little peninsula in Danzig harbor which held a small Polish munitions dump. The German training ship Schleswig-Holstein opened up from her berth not far from the Westerplatte, September 1. Germans rushed to the streets to find placards on the walls announcing Hitler's fateful step. Albert Forster, the Nazi leader in Danzig, was very much in evidence, driving around in his well-pressed uniform in a large car. He gave Prof. Carl J. Burckhardt, high commissioner of the League of Nations for the free city, two hours to leave Danzig. Many Poles were hauled from their homes and marched through the streets to internment camps. Down by the river the white sides of the Schleswig-Holstein were black with smoke as the pumped shell after shell into the Westerplatte. Only machine-gun and rifle fire came back. The Poles had one three-inch gun, but it was destroyed after firing the 30th round. All day long in Danzig the German radio poured forth Hitler's order of the day, his speech to the reichstag and the music of Wagner. Flags bedecked the city. There was an almost gala air about the ominous events that day.

## ALLIED AIR MIGHT HITS NAZI PORTS

LONDON, March 30 (AP) — More than 1400 American heavy bombers and an escort of 900 fighters—the largest concentration sent out by the eighth air force this year—attacked Germany's North Sea ports of Bremen, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven today. The massive attacks were intended to cut off any seaborne supplies destined for the German armies in the north. Bomber targets included submarine building yards, naval vessels in port, oil storage depots and harbor installations. "It was the biggest attack ever made on a series of major ports, with the idea being to put them all out of business simultaneously," a staff officer said. Some good-sized German warships were sunk. (Continued on Page Two)

## General Turnage Praises Marines

Warm tribute to the marines who fought Japs and disease in the Pacific was paid by one of their assault commanders, General A. H. Turnage, at a luncheon given in his honor at noon today by the chamber of commerce at the Pelican cafe. General Turnage, director of personnel for the marine corps, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., came here to visit the Marine Barracks; where many of the veterans of the Pacific fighting are stationed. General Turnage was in command of assault operations at Bougainville and Guam in which Colonel George O. Van Orden, Marine Barracks commanding officer, participated. The general outlined the marine campaigns in the Pacific in a brief address to chamber directors, committee chairman, and Marine Barracks officers. Paul Landry, chairman of the military affairs committee of the chamber, made a presentation of a Klamath pine chest of potatoes, onions and wild plum preserves as a gift from the chamber to the visitor. General Turnage left this afternoon.

ATTENTION FARMERS On page 7 of today's paper is an important story outlining farm wage regulations, given by a WFA official on a visit to Klamath Falls. It is suggested this carefully checked story be clipped for reference.

## American Balloting Power Second to None Demanded For United Nations Meet

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP) A secret Big Three voting ratio agreement for the proposed world peace-keeping assembly prompted a demand today for American balloting power second to none. As now projected in the made-in-Malta pact the ratio would be 6-3-3 for the British, the United States and Russia. The demand came from Chairman Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the house foreign affairs committee and a member of the American delegation to the San Francisco United Nations conference which must decide the issue. Bloom told a reporter in the wake of White House disclosure of the Crimean agreement that "by any reasoning we should have the same vote as any empire or any country in the world." Bloom left no doubt that the American delegation will be asked to sponsor a proposal of this nature if the Yalta understanding to give the United States and Russia three votes each in the assembly is pressed at San Francisco. Secretary of State Stettinius said today nothing had hap-

## British Join in Jap Scrap

They Helped Make It Possible



Encouraging news from the battle fronts is read to three blind American soldiers who gave their eyes to help make new successes possible by Pvt. Harold Couch (left), St. Louis, Mo., who has temporarily lost sight of one eye and suffered other battle injuries. The three totally blind American heroes are (left to right, background), Pvt. James T. Sanders, Houston, Tex.; Cpl. Charles Woodson, Kansas City, Mo., and Sgt. Clyde Dempsey, Winslow, Ind. All are patients at Dibble hospital, Palo Alto, Calif.

## ALLIED NAVAL FORCES BLAST RYUKYU ISLES

Ryukyu Attack First Joint Operation Of 2 Fleets



By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press Staff Editor  
American amphibious troops landed on two more Philippine islands while combined American and British naval forces attacked the Ryukyu islands carried on the longest bombardment of the Pacific war without an invasion announcement. The Ryukyu attack, now presumably in its eighth day, is the first joint operation of the U. S. and British Pacific fleets in the Western Pacific. Presence of a powerful British carrier force was announced last night. The British contributed to a score of 13 Japanese vessels sunk, 20 damaged and more than 24 planes destroyed in scattered actions reported by American communiques. Radio Tokyo said a new force of 100 warships was cruising near Okinawa, 325 miles south of Japan in the center of the Ryukyu chain, screening a carrier fleet built around ten fast tops. Five hundred seaborne planes raided the three southern islands of Japan for ten hours yesterday, Tokyo reported, "to support the Okinawa operation." Broadcasts said two new task forces appeared last night and today in waters off southwestern Japan to continue the attack. One Japanese newspaper said "the enemy comes with a strength of more than 2000 ships of all kinds." In the central Philippines the (Continued on Page Two)

## American First Army Tank Columns Smash Ahead Into Paderborn; Advance Swift

By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS, March 30 (AP) — The American first army's probing armored columns, rapidly snapping a lock on the industrial Ruhr, occupied Paderborn today and thrust to within 18 miles of the locomotive building center of Kassel and within 182 miles of Berlin. In one 20-mile jump the seventh armored division crossed the Eder river and took Fritzlar, 16 miles southwest of Kassel, and Alt Wildungen on the Wilde river. Tanks of the ninth armored division reached Borken and Treysa on the main Frankfurt-Kassel railroad. Tanks of the third army's sixth armored division also entered the vicinity of Treysa after a 21-mile stab. Front line dispatches said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' third armored division shoved into Paderborn at 9:35 a. m. today and kept going in the news blackout that obscured its further movements. The sensational drive was meeting virtually no opposition and was less than 65 miles from a junction with Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces, whose exact whereabouts likewise were hidden. Paderborn is on one of the main railways connecting the Ruhr with Berlin and is 25 miles south of Bielefeld, the only other major railway link between the industrial treasure chest and the German capital. On the first army's right flank, the Germans reported the fourth armored division which took Lauterbach had turned east and advanced upon Fulda, 13 miles distant. The northern arm of the allied pliers closing on the Ruhr roared eastward many miles toward Muenster, where the peace of Westphalia in 1848 closed the 30 years war, and encircled its first semblance of a prepared defense since breaking through east of the Rhine. Correspondent William Frye said these defenses were hastily dug holes manned by replacement troops which were not expected to blunt the power push of three armored divisions. For 48 hours the exact points reached by these British forces have been secret. The first army shot forward so fast its spearheads lost contact. (Continued on Page Two)

## COLLINS GIRLS FREED FROM JAIL

Willie Mae Collins and her sister, Margaret, held as material witnesses in the case of State vs. Heuvel, were released from custody today. Both girls have been in the county jail, Willie Mae since January 6 of this year, and Margaret since December 20, 1944. Willie Mae, younger of the two, testified at the preliminary hearing of former Chief of Police Heuvel, who, at that time was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Heuvel posted bail but did not appear for arraignment following his indictment by the Klamath county grand jury. The court was advised that Heuvel has not as yet been apprehended and that the case has been referred to the federal bureau of investigation. Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg signed the orders, releasing the two, late this afternoon. District Attorney Clarence (Continued on Page Two)

Stevens Sentence Due Saturday  
Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg will pronounce sentence on PFC Herbert Daniel Stevens, Marine Barracks, at 10 a. m. Saturday. The 21-year-old marine was convicted of stealing from a person, when a jury returned this verdict at 4 p. m. Wednesday. The penalty, according to law, is a fine of \$100 to \$500, six months to one year in the county jail, or one to five years in the state penitentiary. Defense Attorney Joseph C. O'Neill said today that he did not know whether or not he would appeal.

Sunrise Service To Be Held Here  
The annual Klamath Falls Easter sunrise service, sponsored by Klamath-Lake Christian Endeavor Union, will be held Sunday morning at 6:45 o'clock on the hill east of town. The approach to the hill is readily accessible from either Hillside or Melrose streets. A feature of the service will be music by the women's trio from the Nazarene church. The address will be delivered by Norman Fralley. As an alternate in event of stormy weather, the service will be held in the auditorium of the Christian church at 9th and Pine.

Fair and Warmer Easter Forecast  
Fair and warmer was the forecast for the Easter weekend. Easter bonnets will probably be worn Sunday without threat of showers and a record attendance is anticipated at the various Klamath Falls churches. Sunrise services are planned on the hill east of town by the Christian Endeavor Union at 6:45 a. m. Sunday. Klamath Falls city schools were closed today, Good Friday, this being the only spring vacation for the youngsters.

Robert Shipman Reported Missing  
Pvt. Charles Robert Shipman, 21, member of the United States army engineers, is listed as missing since March 6, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Floyd Shipman, 1405 Ward. Action in which young Shipman did not return occurred in the Alsace-Lorraine sector, the war department wire advised. Charles was born in Sullivan, Ind., but lived here for many years, graduating with the class of 1942 from Klamath Union high school. For a time he was employed at the Klamath county shops and enlisted in July of 1943. Early in January Shipman went overseas and joined the seventh army in Europe. His father is employed as blacksmith with the county highway department. Charles is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Shipman.

Missing  
Pvt. Robert Shipman

Hash Sues Owner Of Hash House  
Albert L. Hash, Chemult restaurant operator, today filed suit for \$15,000 damages in circuit court against Joe Bellavance who also conducts an eating house in the northern Klamath county community. Hash charges that he leased "Joe's Cafe" at Chemult on December 29, 1943, the lease running "for the duration." At that time, Hash contends, Bellavance agreed not to enter the restaurant business in Chemult, but did not live up to the agreement and is now engaged in that line. In addition, Hash said, Bellavance cut off the water supply to Hash's restaurant and no water is available. In addition to \$15,000, Hash also seeks costs and disbursements through his attorneys, R. F. McLaren and U. S. Balentine.

Lost On Iwo Jima  
Cpl. Robert Nelson



## ROBERT NELSON KILLED IN ACTION

TULELAKE — Cpl. Robert Nelson, 24, eldest son of Mrs. Viola Nelson of Tulelake, was killed in action February 25, on Iwo Jima while serving with the fifth marine division, it was learned here Thursday. Word that her son had lost his life in action against the Japanese came in a message from Gen. A. Vandegrift, commanding officer of the marine corps. Robert was born in Granger, Wash., May 2, 1920. He moved to Tulelake with his family at the age of 15, and was graduated with the class of 1939 from Tulelake high school. Prior to his enlistment, Robert farmed with his brother Bill. He enlisted in the marine paratroops on November 1, 1942, and served 11 months in the South Pacific and saw action in the battle for Bougainville. When the marine paratroops were disbanded, Robert returned to the United States for five months. He then joined the fifth division in July, and transferred to marine infantry. After leaving the States, Robert took part in the invasion of Guam. While en route to that point, the marine had the opportunity of visiting with his cousin, Tilden Osborne of Tulelake, serving with the Seabees at Pearl Harbor. Last word from Robert came from Guam early in February. In addition to his mother, Robert is survived by his brother, Bill of Tulelake, one sister, PFC Evelyn Nelson of the Wac who arrived from Great Falls, Mont., to be with her mother this week. There are also three half-brothers, Ivan of the United States navy in California, Paul, at Ellensburg, Wash., and Kenneth at Vancouver, Wash. Robert was the nephew of G. W. Osborne of Tulelake. Robert was one of four well known Klamath county men to enlist in the marine paratroops at the same time. Of the four, two have lost their lives, one was badly wounded, and the fourth has not been heard from for some time. Those killed in action are Robert and Cpl. Rollo B. Cheyne, 21, wounded is Keith Gentry, and the fourth is Fred Biemer of Henley.

It Wasn't Frank Sinatra!  
It was not a V-day parade that blocked the street in front of downtown store yesterday. The prize for standing in line for hours was not a lock of some celebrity's hair. The pushing, jostling crowd, composed mostly of the weaker sex, could have taken a bridgehead in record time—if that had been the objective. Bed sheets were the objective that urged the crowd on with determination toward the balcony. Bed sheets and yardage goods. About 100 persons with a "do or die" look in their eyes, were awarded with purchasing two sheets each, the remaining two or three hundred forming the line that wound out through the store and onto the street, recovered objects of apparel which had been dislodged in the next bed linen drive. Greater strength for the "four grapes" which caused remarks overheard in the crowd, as to possession of literal hoards of sheets at home—or it may have really been an unsavory dog-in-the-banger spirit, noticeable not too rarely where rationed commodities are dispensed.