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Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TODAY'S big news is that the Jap fleet tried again and failed. The battle opened yesterday (Jap time) with a heavy air attack on our warships and shore installations in the vicinity of Okinawa. It was MODERATELY successful. The little yellow men sank three of our destroyers and damaged several others, along with some smaller warcraft. They shot down seven of our planes. But we shot down 391 of their planes—which apparently upset the Jap appreciably.

EARLY today a Jap SURFACE force was sighted some 50 miles south of the Japanese mainland, heading toward Okinawa. Mitscher's fast carrier force sailed in immediately, meeting little air resistance (indicating that the bulk of the Jap planes had been shot down the day before) but encountering heavy anti-aircraft fire. When the smoke of battle cleared away, we had sunk the battleship Yamato (largest remaining Jap battleship, 45,000 tons, one of the most powerful battleships in the world), two light cruisers and three destroyers. We left three more Jap destroyers burning and three others escaped.

A spokesman in Washington estimates this morning that in the battle the Japs lost about 25 per cent of their remaining combat navy. What is left, he says, could be handled by only ONE of our many task forces.

AT the same time yesterday, the Japs launched an air attack on the co-operating British fleet in the southern Ryukyus, apparently damaging the battleship King George V.

OUR naval authorities guess today that the Japs might have been trying a double play whose chief purpose may have been getting their shrinking fleet out of the dangerous Inland sea, with the secondary purpose of taking a hit-and-run swipe at our naval forces around Okinawa. All the enemy vessels engaged were EAST, so they could run away speedily after hitting.

THERE is an interesting little mystery in the Pacific news today. The Japs flew about 20 big, slow, OBSOLETE bombers into the night yesterday—sluggish "Mays," not seen since the early days of the war—arousing the suspicion on our part that they may be getting dangerously short of planes. We shot down 12 of the 20 in no time flat.

ON Okinawa, heavier resistance is developing as we near Naha. We're still finding a very few Japs in our push northward from the island's center.

WE pulled a freak assault yesterday, taking Lucena, in southern Luzon, with PUDDLE-JUMPER observation planes which we flew into Lucena's two little grasshoppers and took the town.

WE bombed the Hong Kong area yesterday for the third straight day, dropping 164 tons—not much in Europe, but a fair day's bombing in the Pacific. Three hundred of our Superforts, ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS FROM IWO, hit Tokyo again.

SUZUKI seems to have cobbled together a new Jap cabinet, and appointed himself foreign minister.

Hospital Closes for Labor Lack
For the first time since it was established here, the Klamath county isolation hospital has had to cease operation for lack of help.

With the resignation of Mrs. Ethel Millard, registered nurse, who is leaving for California, the isolation hospital closed its doors, Friday, April 6.

A registered nurse is needed to care for the hospital can be reopened. Dr. Peter Rozendal, county health officer, stated. A cook is also needed.

At the present time, there is a case of mumps being cared for at home, and a few light cases of measles, the doctor disclosed. Isolation cannot be complete at home, he pointed out, and one reason contagion has been kept down in the Klamath hospital is because of the isolation facility. Recently five contagious cases were confined to hospital at the same time. A cook could be found, the doctor said, if a nurse could be found. Both positions are 24-hour jobs.

Tokyo Hit By B-29s, Iwo-Based Fighters

By LEIF ERICKSON
GUAM, April 7 (AP)—More than 300 fighter-escorted Superforts raided Tokyo today in the greatest land-based raid ever made on Japan and the first involving land-based fighter planes. Mustangs from recently captured Iwo Jima made up the fighter contingent of the "very large task force" which also raided Nagoya shortly before noon today. The first fighter mission over Tokyo presages future steady employment of Mustangs as Superfort escorts. The P-51s flew more than 1500 miles on the round trip from Iwo to Tokyo. They were units of the seventh fighter

command, headed by Brig. Gen. Ernest M. Moore, who recently established headquarters on the volcanic island 750 miles south of Tokyo. Mustangs definitely shot down 21 enemy fighters and six probables. Ten more damaged. Two P-51s were lost. Hit Plane Plant Mustangs flew with the Superforts striking the Nakajima-Musashino aircraft engine plant in western Tokyo. The second group in the "very large task force" of Superforts hit the Mitsubishi aircraft plant at Nagoya. Both attacks were demolition raids at medium altitude. First reports indicated clear weather and targets bombed visually.

An imperial Japanese communique said 270 planes were in the raiding force, 120 over Tokyo and 150 at Nagoya. No claim was made by the Japanese of any U. S. planes being downed but a Domei agency dispatch said four or five "enemy" planes were downed over Tokyo. The Mustangs were units of the seventh fighter command, headed by Brig. Gen. Ernest M. Moore, who recently established headquarters on the islands 750 miles south of Tokyo. "This is the first time army air force fighters ever have been over Japan, and we had to go a long way to do it," General Moore said.

Reds Begin Driving Nazis From Vienna; Encirclement Faces Remaining Germans

LONDON, April 7 (AP)—Russian troops have captured Moedling, southern suburb of Vienna, after bloody house-to-house fighting and the fiercest combat inside the Austrian capital is raging in the eastern quarter where most of the city's utility plants are located, a German broadcast said tonight. The Germans also declared the Russians had captured 30 miles west of Vienna and reached S. Poelten on the road to Linz. The penetrating spearheads were wiped out. DNB added.

northwards yesterday—some advance scouting groups presumably wrestling positions inside the Austrian capital. Mortar, machinegun and sniping fire which the Germans have been laying down was as heavy as ever but soviet pressure appeared to be too much for the defenders. Sever Highway Russian troops which severed the Vienna-Linz highway earlier in the fighting fought their way eastward today toward the capital. Apparently this Russian wing captured places north of the Deer park and was threatening to cut off Nazi artillery in the Vienna woods. Heavy battles were in progress for the western suburbs of Waidling and Mariahilf, an important junction for rail, way and highway traffic. Tanks and motorized infantry of this same soviet wing appeared to be pushing into Hadersdorf, a northwestern suburb leading to heights overlooking Vienna. The bulk of the German artillery was located on these heights.

Near Heart of City Russian infantry in large numbers was being moved up to the outer suburbs to back up the soviet storm units which first battered into the city's defenses, who were reported within four miles of St. Stephen's church, in the middle of the city. The Nazi-controlled Vienna radio transmitter was less than a mile ahead of the Russians. This radio station reported just before midnight last night that violent street fighting had broken out in the city proper. The roar of artillery was heard in the background of the broadcast. (Continued on Page Two)

5TH ARMY SEIZES ITALIAN MOUNTAIN

ROME, April 7 (AP)—American fifth army troops, continuing their attack near the Ligurian coast in western Italy, have captured the dominating 3000 foot Monte Folgorito, and are driving forward against scattered resistance, allied headquarters announced today. Monte Folgorito is four and a half miles from the sea coast and 19 1/2 miles southeast of La Spezia.

Yanks Withdraw North of Stretton, half way between Monte Folgorito and the sea, the Americans were compelled to withdraw slightly from newly-won positions. The enemy put up a heavy fire in that sector. A small German counterattack northwest of the town was repulsed. Two British destroyers, the Marne and Lookout, and swarms of American fighter-bombers effectively supported the fifth army operations in the Monte Folgorito area. The destroyers, flying offshore, pumped shells into the German artillery positions. The allied communique reported that some enemy guns were silenced and others were compelled to move.

On the eastern coastal sector British eighth army troops, in what was described officially as a "local attack," drove across the Reno river northwest of San Alberto and near the southwest corner of Lake Comacchio. They took 80 prisoners. Eighth army headquarters disclosed that the recent successful clearing of the enemy from the spit of land separating Lake Comacchio from the Adriatic was carried out by the British second commando brigade, which captured nearly 1000 prisoners.

Man, Eleven Women to Hear Chaplin Case

LOS ANGELES, April 7 (AP)—A lone man will sit in the jury box with 11 women to hear the retrial of Joan Berry's paternity suit against Charlie Chaplin. The man, Cecil A. Croxson, formerly of Oshkosh, Wis., and the women have been sworn in and will begin hearing testimony Monday in the new trial of the case which ended in a jury disagreement last January.

Troops Aid in Flood Battle

NEW ORLEANS, April 7 (AP)—Troops were thrown today into the flood battle in Louisiana where a half million acres have been inundated and more than 5000 families driven from their homes. Camp Livingston troops were sent to help hold the Cane river levee, where engineers said a critical situation existed. A thousand German prisoners of war are being used to sand-bag Red river levees. In many places the entire populations of towns pitched in with shovels and sacks. Army field kitchens and tented refugee colonies dotted the dry areas.

Nazi Leaders Told to Give Up Local Governing Posts

LONDON, April 7 (AP)—The German radio announced today a Hitler decree ordering Nazi party district leaders to give up their jobs in local governments. "All personal union between the offices of the state and the Nazi party has to be split up," the decree said. "The reason for the decree is that the tasks of the party are mainly to care for the population and in these difficult times, when quick decisions and sometimes moves have to be carried out at a moment's notice, it is not thought suitable that a party official should be burdened with the tasks of local administration, and vice versa." "It will no longer be possible to combine the office of kreisleiter (district or county leader) and county councillor or lord mayor, and no district leader can

6 Million Feet of Timber Purchased

LAKEVIEW — The Fremont forest service revealed the sale of 6,000,000 board feet of timber, mostly ponderosa pine, to Anderson Brothers Lumber Company. This timber is situated in the Helpenstein creek area near Cottonwood reservoir. As soon as weather conditions permit, logging will continue. Conditions of the sale were \$7.25, plus a 37-cent deposit for slash disposal, making a total of \$7.62 per thousand feet for the pine, and a \$1.50 per thousand feet for the white fir on the property.

PFC Earl Hitson Wounded on Iwo

PFC Earl J. Hitson, U. S. marine corps, suffered wounds while in combat on Iwo Jima, according to word received from Washington, D. C., by the youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hitson of Bonanza. Hitson was wounded February 23 when he received shrapnel in the chest. He was in action with the marines on D day and served 12 days in combat before going back in reserve when he was evacuated.

Mine Negotiations Revived; Contract May Be Concluded

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Bituminous operators and John L. Lewis expressed optimism today, in a sudden revival of negotiations, that a wage contract could be concluded on Monday. Lewis issued a statement, as did Conference Chairman Ezra Van Horn, asserting that a contract is more than possible, despite the gloomy predictions of a few hours earlier. K. C. Adams, editor of the Mine Journal, issued this statement in behalf of the miners' president: "Both Optimistic "Mr. Lewis shares in common with Mr. Van Horn, chairman of the conference, the optimistic prophecies given the press at the conclusion of the joint session this afternoon. "He feels, like Mr. Van Horn, that the industry should of its own accord adjudicate its controversies, and he has joined wholeheartedly in extending the negotiations that will promote peace and progress in the coal industry."

Weather News

April 7, 1945
Max. (April 6) 52 Min. 30
Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
Stream year to date 7.91
Normal 9.44 Last year 6.08
Forecast: Partly cloudy; light showers.

Yanks Destroy Yamato, 391 Enemy Planes

By LEIF ERICKSON
GUAM, April 7 (AP)—Japanese warships, including their largest remaining battleship—the 45,000-ton Yamato, and 391 enemy planes were destroyed in a two-day battle between planes and surface units of the two fleets yesterday and today, only 50 miles from Japan, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced. Three United States destroyers were sunk, several others and some smaller craft damaged. Seven of our planes were lost. Japanese fleet losses in addition to the battleship were an Agano-class light cruiser, one other lighter cruiser, and three destroyers. The battle opened Friday afternoon when heavy forces of Japanese planes attacked United States ships and shore installations in the vicinity of Okinawa. Three of our destroyers were sunk and several damaged. One hundred and sixteen of the attacking planes were shot down. No larger fleet units were hit. Early today navy search aircraft sighted an enemy surface force at a point about 50 miles southwest of Kyushu, southern-

Top Nip



Premier A. d. m. Baron Kantaro Suzuki appointed himself to two of the most important Japanese cabinet posts in forming a new administration after the resignation of the Koiso group. Jap news agencies reported.

U. S. TROOPS, BRITONS GAIN TOWARD CITIES

9th Army Lashes Out From Pied Piper Village
By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, April 7 (AP)—American tanks struck to within 10 miles of Hannover today in a breakout from their Weser bridgehead, and British armor fought less than 12 miles from the great port of Bremen. Both allied advances bearing down on the great northern German cities still were going strong this afternoon. The U. S. ninth army lashed out from Hameln on the Weser river and careened eight miles toward Hannover (472,500). The British plunge carried 35 miles, flanking Bremen (342,000), and hitting to within 60 miles of Hamburg, Germany's third city. Battle Reported The German high command declared a fierce battle was raging in the U. S. third army territory east of Muehlhausen and within 130 miles or less of Berlin. American reports said a German counterattack had been repulsed, and 40 Nazi tanks knocked out. The German-reported battle is near the Eisleben area, where enemy broadcasts yesterday announced airborne operations within 90 miles of the reich capital. Third army correspondents said they were unable to confirm or deny the Eisleben sector operations. Canadian armored columns were lunging through Holland and already were 11 miles from the Zuider Zee and within nine miles of snipping the last German rail escape from the big western Holland cities. Timelag Seen Even as news of the latest swift advances by U. S. and British armor was received, supreme headquarters advised correspondents that the pace so stretched communications and kept operational headquarters moving so much that a considerable time lag had developed between reported positions and actual advances. Allied forces bagged at least 40,004 prisoners Friday. Reports were not yet in from three of the nine armies in the west.

JAPS FORM CABINET AMID BOMBER RAID

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9 (AP)—Japan's third war cabinet was formed today amid the roar of demolition bombs bursting in Tokyo from the greatest land-based air raid ever mounted against Japan. The Japanese Domei news agency announced that Premier Adm. Baron Kantaro Suzuki appointed himself to two of the most important Japanese cabinet posts in forming a new administration after the resignation of the Koiso group. Jap news agencies reported.

YANKS SEIZE \$100 MILLION GOLD RESERVE

By EDWARD D. BALL
WITH THE U. S. THIRD ARMY, April 7 (AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces today captured German gold reserves estimated to a total 100 tons of bullion, worth roughly \$100,000,000, placed in a salt mine near Gotha along with currency of the United States and other countries, and priceless art treasures. Dr. Fritz Vleck, reichbank representative at the deposit, told officers the bullion represented "all the gold in Germany." He said it had been removed from Berlin over a period of five weeks beginning February 11. Near Gotha The mine is near Moeckers, 25 miles southwest of Gotha. Besides the gold the booty included three billion marks in currency, \$2,000,000 in American currency, 100,000 British pounds, 4,000,000 Norwegian crowns and lesser amounts in Turkish, Spanish and Portuguese currency. Capture Officials Nineteenth infantry division troops who made the seizure captured three reichbank officials including a Dr. Vleck, one of the bank's advisers, and Dr. P. O. Rabe, curator of the German state museum and assistant director of the National Art Galleries in Berlin. The bank official said the Germans started to move the treasure from the 2100-foot deep salt mine a few days ago, but were thwarted by blown bridges.

Treble Damages Paid By Pelican Bay

PORTLAND, April 7 (AP)—A treble damage settlement of \$4785.16 has been paid by the Pelican Bay Lumber company, Klamath Falls, for overcharges on 1944 sales of ponderosa pine lumber, the OPA announced today. Box factories, other industrial plants, and wholesalers bought most of the lumber, officials said.

Japs in Burma Said Defeated

CALCUTTA, April 7 (AP)—The southeast Asia command announced today that in the battle for central Burma and Mandalay "the Japanese 15th army has been decisively defeated and no longer exists as an effective fighting force." The announcement said the fighting inside the Mandalay-Meiktila pocket in central Burma led to one of the "greatest victories" in Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's command. The communique, issued at Lt. Gen. Sir Oliver Leese's headquarters, said that in an "intense killing match" with the Japanese in the past few weeks the 14th army had gained complete mastery of the battlefield.

Record Crowd At Ball Foreseen

One of the biggest dance crowds in many years, here is expected at the armory tonight for the benefit ball for the Portland Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children. Baldy Evans' orchestra will play for the event. Hundreds of tickets have been sold, and others will be available at the door. All proceeds will go to the support of the Portland hospital. The Klamath Shrine club is in charge.

Proposals for Meat Supply Eyed

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Convinced by investigation that there may be no meat for export— including lend-lease—after July, a special house food committee today proposed: 1. The army take over closed packing plants and turn out its own beef to break the general supply shortage. 2. A cut in the meat quota allowed hotels and restaurants. 3. The army lower its standards so that it can use some of the lower grades of beef, increasing the prime supply generally.

Born 30 Years Too Late?

The paper shortage, the present unpleasantness existing in this newspaper field, would not have been such a pain in the neck back in 1911. That year, on January 17, to be exact, W. O. Smith, editor and publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald, filed an affidavit showing his subscription list which added up to the staggering total of 533 subscribers. One of County Clerk Charles DeLap's deputies ran across the paper the other day while clearing out a vault. First few names appearing on the No. 1 galley sheet were V. E. Arant, Fred L. Applegate, E. I. Applegate, A. D. Addison, Carl Adams and George Ager. Today The Herald and News, which combines the original Klamath Falls Herald and The Klamath News, has a circulation of about 12,500. Roughly, this is an annual average increase of 322 subscribers since 1911. Newsprint quotas are based on use of paper in 1941, year before the war. Just about that time interest in local and world news perked up and the annual subscriber increase in 1942, 1943 and 1944 averaged 1333 per year. The Herald and News boasts one of the highest per capita subscription ratios in the state of Oregon. In fact, your paper places fourth, led only by the Oregonian, the Journal, both published in Portland, and the Register-Guard at Eugene.

Immediate Jail Erection Eyed

The five-man city-county jail commission, in its first regular meeting since official appointment by the county court, made plans for immediate construction of the jail instead of holding the project for post-war development. The group met in the county court rooms Friday afternoon with members of the court sitting in. Although no definite action was taken, it was decided to ask for preliminary sketches of a building from Sheldon Brumbaugh, Klamath Falls architect. Lloyd L. Low was named chairman of the commission. Other members are Acting Chief of Police Orville Hamilton, Vernon Moore, Dick Henzel and Nelson Reed. Plans and possible locations were discussed by the commission. Two locations under consideration, both facing Klamath avenue, are at the dead end of Klamath at 3rd, and adjoining property recently purchased by the county court from Clara L. Moore. The commission plans to inspect new jails along the coast before settling on any specific plan for the local structure. It is hoped to have construction underway by late summer. Coral Sabo, county land sales agent, was named secretary pro-tem. Next meeting is slated for Friday, April 13, at 2 p. m.