#### THE WEATHER For Wisconsin: Heavy snow north, freezing rain couth tonight. Colder Thursday.

Local weather facts for 24 hours preceding 7 a. m.: Maximum 37; minimum 5,





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## **U.S. Tanks Drive** Through Hole in Main Nazi Front

#### **7th Army Gains** To Within Sight of Saarbruecken

#### BULLETIN

Paris  $-(\mathcal{P})$ - Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army advancing three miles at some points on a 55-mile front, captured 16 towns today and entered four more including the important one of Saarburg.

BY JAMES M. LONG

George S. Patton, Jr., hurled ed the city's lifelines to the capital, an armored division today a German military commentator through a hole gouged in the said today. central German front in the Moselle-Saar triangle and the tanks smashed five and a half miles forward toward Trier port from inside the city by Trans through disorganized resistance.

Goch, strongly fortified road center between the Rhine and paper Pravda which said the Rec Meuse (Maas) rivers in the army was 34 miles from Berlin. north, finally was captured by Scots of the Canadian First army which gathered momenthe Ruhr valley, 16 miles away,

U. S. Seventh army advanced to fled to Berlin and no longer know within plain sight of Saarbruecken. luss than three miles away. Lt. Gen. Traffic Arteries Cut Alexander M. Patch's shock troops invading the Saar again captured half a dozen border towns and broke Berlin had been cut temporarily into Forbach, large French rail center which is almost a suburb of devastated Saarbruecken. The Americans seized heights overlooking historic Spicheren and the Siegfried line fortifications.

Patton, swiftly capitalizing on the breach in German defenses carved laboriously by Maj. Gen. Harry J. Malony's 94th division, sent his tanks clanking to within seven miles of Trier and two of Saarburg, both keystones of the German defense system in the Mo-Mainz on the Rhine. Dispirited Germans surrendered by the hundreds.

All along a 55-mile assault front, German broadcast said.

Frankfurt Is Cut Off **From Berlin** 

BY RICHARD KASISCHKE London-(P)-Marshal Gregory Zhukov's troops, fighting to encircle Frankfurt on the Oder 38 miles east

Paris -(A)- Lt. Gen. of Berlin, have "temporarily" slash-The fortress town on the west

bank of the Oder is under siege and the constant hammering of Russian artillery and bombers, said the reocean war reporter Hans Arntz. His broadcast coincided with a

military review in the Moscow news-This report, the closest the Russian press has yet placed the Russian troops to Berlin, did not give tum in its offensive toward the Ruhr valley. 16 miles the point of the penetration, but in-dicated it was Zhukov's sector and BOOMBERS BLAST possibly west of the Oder.

South of Patton's Third army, the "The purchasers of stolen proper-ty in Frankfurt on the Oder have NUERNBERGAGAIN where to go," said the review. Arntz made the disclosure that American bombers escorted by 650 the trunk railroad and autobahn to fighters today attacked rail and in-

> 'are now open." He said the Germans were fighting defensively "between Berlin and the Frankfurt-Kuestrin front" on

> the Oder. heads south of the city and the "Russians have repeatedly assailed the town, attempting encirclement."

fense as a bastion of Berlin, the its mountain hideout at Berchtesgaden "Grenades are exploding streets and Russian planes are fly- yesterday. Nazi broadcasts reported spearing over the rooftops rattling their heads of two American formations were over Thuringia and Franconia, indicating another deep penetration of the reich, possibly in support of the Russian armies. **Capture Polish Town** "Many streets are lonely and Heads of Gas has been cut down and street cars Co. Re-Named



FIRST MARINES TO DIE ON IWO JIMA-These two marines, slamped in death, lie where they fell on Iwo Jima, first victims of Japanese gunfire as American conquest of the strategic Nipponese island began. Marine officers report they are engaged in their toughest battle in 168 years. This photo was made by Joe Rosenthal, Associated Press photographer on assignment with the wartime still picture pool.

### Thunderbolts Sweep 'Hitler's Berchtesgaden for First Time

leading westward from Frankfurt the second consecutive day.

More than 900 U.S. Flying Forwith trains, possibly loaded with

added, is being directed from bridge- man government ministries believed moving out of Berlin.

The strike by the British-based The bulk of Frankfurt's 76,000 American sky fleet today dove-tailed selle valley leading to Coblenz and population has fled and the city has with an attack by Italy-based 12th been stripped for a deathstand de- air force planes agains similar targets in and near Adolf Hitler's

Rome-Rocket-firing Thunderbolts of the U.S. 12th air force made the first attack of the war yesterday on Hitler's private city of Berchtesgaden, the mountain hideout high in the snow-capped Bavarian Alps, t was announced today.

The planes, sweeping in from Italian bases, pumped rockets into railyards at low levels, ripped rail tracks, cars and locomotives and smashed at other targets in and near Berchtesgaden, which may be the most

London-(P)-More than 1,200 heavily fortified spot in all the reich. They ran into intense flak and small arms fire.

While there was no official comment on the attack, it was speculated along with the statement, "all roads dustrial targets at Nuernberg for that the surprise strike was directed against the movement of top of the Blue network termed this a lose Suribachi—the Americans won't Under Heavy Fire priority personnel, supplies and nazi files from Berlin.

tresses blasted the Nuemberg yards Rapids Soldier adding that if the raiders found adding that if the raiders found railway cars there. "one guess is as The assault upon Frankfurt, he with trains, possibly loaded with Is Killed in French Area



# Marines Lose 3,650 as Gains on Central Iwo **Airfield Are Recorded**

Battle Envelopes Entire Iwo Island

**SIEGE TACTICS USED AGAINST** JAPS IN MANILA

#### BY FRED HAMPSON

tactics in modern guise were employed against trapped Japanese garrisons in Manila's thick-walled nounced the past week's fighting has ost the Nipponese 24,000 casualties.

Cannon and howitzers gnawed steadily at the 40-foot thick outer wall of the Intramuros to cut an entranceway for tanks and infantry seeking to eliminate the cornered positions. enemy and liberate an estimated  $7_{r}$ 000 civilians.

The Yanks could pulverize the Intramuros and everybody inside with air power, but they are trying to forced foxholes. It will be a great pushed directly toward the center save the civilians. Arthur Feldman blow to their defenses when they of the airdrome.

the opinion the Japanese already they do now. In addition to gun made under a steady hail of Japahave killed most of the civilians.

killing the few Japanese who man-

aged to dash from the few remain-

**ELKS ARE SHOWN** 

Only Small Area Left railway cars there, "one guess is as his communique today that the ene- probably stored. good as another as to what they my garrison in south Manila, now

might contain." The assault fit into a pattern with yards by 800, "is acting with the tion by the foe fighting savagely to two attacks vesterday and today from British and French bases by of non-combatants and private prothe U.S. Eighth air force on the perty." packed rail yards and locomotive re-

On Corregidor, both entrances of Bombardment Continues pair shops at Nuernberg, 90 miles the main tunnel were blocked by exnorth of Munich, the center of form-plosives and Yanks swarming over ment pouring thousands of tons of two fields, the only completed air er Nazi propaganda spectacles and the topside poked through rubble in explosives into enemy positions fail- strips on the island, 750 miles south an important rail junction. The ex- search of the ventilation vent. When ed to lessen the ferocity of Japanese

**Under Steady** Hail of Fire BY AL DOPKING U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam  $\rightarrow (\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \text{Approximately}$ 

Advance

BY MORRIE LANDSBERG Iwo Juna, Volcano Islands-(AP) 3,650 marines were killed or wound--(Via navy radio)—There is no ed in the first 48 hours of the batfront line on bloody Iwo. The whole tle for Iwo Jima, Adm. Chester W. of the small, gourd-shaped island is a battle zone, in the grey mist of Nimitz announced today as he reday and through the chill blackness ported the leathernecks made genof night. eral advances ranging up to 1,000 The front line may be the northyards on the island's central air

ern edge of the southern airfield captured by marines yesterday. It field.

Nimitz listed approximately 3,500 may be at the foot of Suribachi Manila-(AP) - Medieval siege Yama, fortified volcanic cone under enlisted men and 150 officers as assault by other leathernecks. casualties -- killed, wounded and Or it may be just anywhere on the missing. He said 3,063 of the bomb and shell torn beachhead. wounded have been evacuated, in-There is no place on the five-mile dication about 600 were killed or long island one can point to and say missing. "they can't reach me there." They

can and do. Commanding Jap Positions Suddenly, unexpectedly, enemy

from the commanding Japanese against the fighter field, known as

possibly futile gesture. He was of have the Japanese to the rear as Every yard of the advance was

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in the north side where supplies are criss-crossed with revetments, pill-Marine advances have been made sniper holes. Mines and tank traps against unrelentingly heavy opposicompressed into an area only 1,200 greatest savagery in his treatment save this rock and saud bastion in-

tended to guard the home land, some 700 miles away.

Continual naval and air bombard-

ed the drive.

hangars.

"Most of the labor problems of

all, he emphasized. "For too long a

time we have felt that education is

for the educator," he said. "It is

for the masses; training for security

is a 'we' job." He mentioned that

poverty and ignorance are always

cousins and that much training will

be needed in the postwar era, be-

cause industry doesn't wait but

quickly becomes more complicated

and involved. The speaker also

praised vocational education's role

"If we get our appetite ahead of

our conscience, we had better sing

Gold Save America, rather than

God Bless America," he concluded.

in the current war.

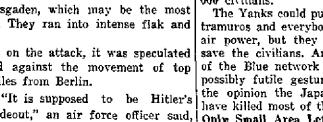
There was no estimate of Japanese losses. Tank led marines, holding firm control of more than a third of the fire streams down in an angry spasm island, began an enveloping drive Motoyama No. 2. The Fifth marine The Japanese have all of the cov- division by-passed the southern tip

er-what little this island has, plus of the field in a flanking move, what they have built in pillboves, preparatory to striking at it from blockhouses, caves, and even rein- the west, while the Fourth division

positions, the 550 foot high volcano nese machine gun, mortar, rifle and has four underground entrances on rocket fire over wet, rocky slopes boxes, blockhouses, and reinforced

were plentiful. The marine drive stemmed from Motoyama airfield No. 1, the island's prized bomber field captured yesterday noon 30 hours ahead of

schedule. About 700 yards separate these of Tokyo. Other devil painful vards up the slopes of Suri-American ground troops threaten-|bachi volcano, a fortress mountain ing the central airfield north of capon the southern tip of the island tured Motoyama No. 1 were facing from which Japanese guns dominate a high volume of small arms fire every inch of the dismal ground and intense mortar, automatic weapthe Yanks control. ons, rocket and artillery barrages. | Tank Attack Minefields and pillboxes obstruct-Vicious Japanese defenders attempted one small tank supported Tanks, naval gunfire and carrier nightime counterattack and almost constant infiltration, both coordi-All attempts were broken up by nating flares fired throughout the On the third day of the campaign night by the American invasion rock, is by far the toughest battle posed virtually every Japanese at-Naval guns, masses of marine artillery, carrier planes, tanks and individual marine units combined in pulverizing Japanese defenses which Dignify Labor, cover the entire volcanic island. But the marines still face an uphill light. Is Request of The northern mass of the island rises about 50 yards above Motoyama airfield No 2, which lies on PACIFIC PICTURES Rotary Guest a plateau. The marines had to climb slopes to approach it from any direction.



Germans back on their heels. The onslaught was in the Eifel mountains from the Pruem area to below machineguns," he added. "Frankthe Moselle. Vanguards were with- furt has become a town without airin a mile of the northern fringe raid sirens as the occupants are conof the rich Saar district coal and stantly on the jump. steel region.

The attack overran 11 towns overnight and early today and reached dead. Buildings are deserted and to within three and a half miles of their occupants have fled to the the confluence of the Saar and Mo- west. Only vital enterprises are relle, just southeast of venerable still open. The electricity supply Trier, oldest city in Germany. In the north, the last enemy suihave ceased running. Street cars cide squads were cleared from the have been converted into anti-tank ruined road center of Goch, once a barricades." town of 13,500 and still the center Marshal Konstantine K. Rokos-

Scots thrust on 600 yards southwestward. Goch is eight miles south See-WESTERN FRONT-Page 7

### Phillip Davis **Listed Missing**

S-Sgt. Phillip F. Davis, brother since February 2 in Germany, ac- southern end of Berlin's eastern decording to a war department tele- fense wall along the Oder. gram received by the soldier's sister.

Sergeant Davis was an infantryman with the First army. He enlisted in the armed forces in

ing at Camp Livingston, La., Camp Guben and 57 southeast of Berlin. Pickett, Va., Southwestern college, Memphis, Tenn., Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., San Antonio, Tex., Johnston, Fla., San Antonio, Tex., and Fort George Meade, Md., from which station he was sent overseas which station he was sent overseas.

#### RED CROSS, MEETING

There will be a meeting of the south Wood county chapter of the American Red Cross in the Elks club at 8 o'clock this evening. Officers are to be elected. consin Rapids.





'Hi, Bill-I hear you managed to find a place to livel?

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All officers and directors were reelected at the annual meeting of the of eight military highways. The sovsky's Second White Russian Wisconsin Rapids Gas and Electric army has captured the Polish corcompany, held in the company's of-

fices Tuesday evening. ridor town of Czersk, 17 miles north-Officers and directors returned east of Chojnice and 45 miles southwere Lee H. Barker, president; wife, Regina, resides at 410 Elevwest of Danzig, Premier Marshal Frank Henry, chairman of the enth avenue north was killed in Stalin announced in an order of the

board: Darwin Follett, Coloma, vice action in France, January 12, acpresident; Robert S. Holcomb, Ne- cording to a war department tele-Czersk, on the main Danzig-Stettin railroad, was described as "an koosa, secretary; and John H. Petimportant communication center and ers, treasurer.

Reporting on the company's busia powerful German defense strongness in 1944, Mr. Barker pointed 314th infantry in the Seventh point in northwestern Poland." Russia's First Ukraine army drove of Mrs. George Pelot, Wisconsin steadily westward toward the Neisse strictions, the year was a successful moted from the rank of private to Rapids, has been missing in action river stronghold of Guben and the one."

"Our current ratio of assets to iabilities has increased to 8.1 to 1, Advancing as much as 10 miles which is an exceedingly strong posithrough a heavily-forested region in tion," he reported. In looking for- the Mayflower and Stepping Stone the face of persistent German counward in 1945, he said that much terattacks, Marshal Ivan S. Konev's would depend upon the company's Graded school. Prior to his entry troops yesterday captured the ham- ability to obtain appliances and into service he was employed by September, 1942, and received train- let of Schegelin, eight miles east of equipment now held up by wartime conditions.

ready for 48 hours.

officials of clubs were interviewed. requested."

with the new closing "request". Still use of his name, said.

home anyway." Another wanted

everyone to know that he didn't like

the new restriction and stated that

another proprietor appeared to be

ple drifting in and out anyway."

seemed to be that they will abide

"Primary responsibility" for ad-

curfew for entertainment places to-

War Mobilization Director James

The general concensus of opinion quest.

ministering the national midnight tainment.

either.

the other.

out that "in spite of wartime re- army. He had recently been prothat of private first class. He was born in the town of Mil-

> ladore, July 24, 1918, and attended rural schools and the Milladore Consolidated Water Power and Paper company and later in a Seat-

gram.

tle, Wash., shipyard. The Wisconsin Rapids soldier received military training at Fort and Fort Meade, Md., before going overseas to France in September,

CLIFFORD COOPER

Pfc. Clifford Cooper, 26, whose

Varied Reaction in City 1944. His last letter to hu was datelined December 30. 1944. His last letter to his wife

In addition to his wife. Private The midnight curfew for enter- | F. Byrnes, who gave the job to Cooper is survived by his parents, tainment places was received with WMC, said that agency "will also Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Cooper, varied comment in the city of Wis- be prepared to give any interpreta-130 East Daly avenue; two broth-Several tavern proprietors and tions or explanations which may be ers, Pfc. George Cooper, who is

serving in India, and Aibert at home; and six sisters, Mis. Tony One owner thinks "it's the swellest Officials stated meanwhile that Catalano of Chicago, Mrs. Carl thing that ever happened-and 12 WMC Chief Paul V. McNutt will not o'clock is time for people to go have his enforcement machinery and the Misses Florence, Marietta and Shirley Cooper of Wisconsin

Rapids. The curfew, which is effective Memorial services will be held at

no one he has talked to likes it next Monday midnight, probably 1:15 Sunday afternoon at the will be retained "at least as long as Krohn and Berard chapel with the A few were non-committal but we are fighting a two-front war." Rev. A. W. Triggs in charge.

agreed that they would conform one high authority who withheld Donald W. Palav The fuel conservation measure Wounded in Action satisfied to close at 12 "for after brought a statement from Byrnes that time there are only a few peo- today expressing gratification with

public response to the curfew re-Pfc. Donald W. Palay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Palay, 520 "The office of war mobilization by the new "request" but aren't get- and reconstruction," he said, "is in action December 23 and has been ting too excited about it one way or gratified with the immediate public awarded the Purple Heart, accord-

response to the request for mid-ing to word received by his parents. night closing of all places of enter- He was serving with the 44th division in the Seventh army.

"Not only has the management of | The 21-year-old Wisconsin Rapday was formally assigned to the many of these places already pledg- ids soldier entered service March 19. war manpower commission, an As- ed cooperation but also state and 1943 and went overseas in Septem-See-CURFEW-Page 7

shell caused his wounds,

miny neavy concentration of they find it the Japanese will be resistance. traffic at Nuernberg led to speculacompletely sealed off, their doom tion that it might be a movement certain. of government offices from Berlin, Liquid fire and explosives were

or a buildup for the defense of Vien-Hit Rail Transportation

ing crevices in banzai charges. Hitler's retreat is at Obersalzberg Fighting Still Bitter (upper Salt Mountain) on the edge MacArthur, describing the fightof Berchtesgaden. The only previous ing in Mani<sup>1</sup>a as still bitter, underattack on the immediate vicinity scored its severity by announcing planes kept up a pounding assault (other top Nazi leaders have homes enemy casualties of 92,000 for the against enemy installations to the nated with mortar, rocket and artilin the area, too) occurred several six weeks of the Luzon campaign as immediate southern front of the lery barrages. months ago when a force of Ameri- against American casualties of 12,- central airfield, which has runways can heavies hit Salzburg, Austrian 929-2,676 killed, 245 missing and 5,335 and 4,425 feet long but no the marines, with the aid of illumi-

border town just across from 10.008 wounded. Berchtesgaden. This showed 24,000 Japanese and The Thunderbolts knocked out a 3,246 American casualties in the there were no doubts that Iwo, the fleet lying offshore. The flares exlocomotive and eight rail cars in last week alone. the attack. At towns nearby they | MacArthur said a survey of of the Pacific. How long it will be tempt at nighttime maneuvers.

set fire to two passenger trains, de- Manila disclosed that the Japanese before it is crushed nobody was instroyed a troop train estimated to occupation army thoroughly looted clined to say. have 150 soldiers aboard, and de- all private possessions of value and

stroyed or damaged nearly 50  $\operatorname{rail}_+$  apparently shipped the stolen goods cars. some loaded with tanks. to Tokyo.

(There was no indication that Hiter's retreat on Obersalzburg itself

See—THUNDERBOLTS—Page 7 Private Cooper belonged to the **Damaged Section Of Phone Cable** 

> Being Replaced Colored still pictures of Australia and other spots in the Pacific area this country have been caused by were shown to Elks members by Lt. the fact that we haven't placed lab-Further examination of the Birch Henry Ford at their regular supper or on a dignified plane," stated J. reet telephone cable, which was meeting Tuesday night. street telephone cable, which was meeting Tuesday night. damaged when water seeped Lientenant Ford, an active mem- cational service, Madison, at the brough a defective joint at the in- ber of the local Elks club before en- keekly noon luncheon of the Wistersection with Fifth and Lincoln tering the service, has recently re-+ consin Rapids Rotary club at Hotel

streets, revealed that a new section turned from the Pacific theater Witter today. had to be installed and Wood Coun- where he has been with a Seahees Speaking on "training for busity Telephone company crews work- unit. The pictures, which he took ness and man's security," the Rotary ed until midnight Tuesday and himself, showed some of the beauty guest pointed out that "business Sheridan, Ili., Camp Wheeler, Ga., et and manight toesday and minsen, showed some of the occur, and color of that area as well as deals with human beings; business G. Smart, manager, said as he ex-, shots of interesting scenes from, is human."

plained the reason for additional modern buildings to most primitive. Mr. Tepoorten labeled work the disruptions in service to east side architecture. He recorded scenes of "cradle of civilization," and said residential areas. "The work in-bond of the building in which his that people work for two reasons,

volves splicing about 600 pairs of unit was engaged. Unusual botani- conscience and appetite. If we digwires," Mr. Smart pointed out, "but | cal shots were described in full color | nify and honor labor, a great labor should be finished by tonight." and he also showed difficult pic- problem will be solved, he ventured. It was found that the water had tures taken from an airplane. Attacking those persons who have damaged the cable to such an ex- The lieutenant accompanied the called vocational training a fraud, tent that efficient service could not showing of his camera studies with the speaker stated that training

the workmen are able to finish the Weinfurter, Mrs. George Langer, i the workmen are able to unish the intelligence, another Elks member ed. I.t. Hernert Bunde, of the naval greatest security man can be offer-

time even under normal weather supper meeting.

Argentine Issue Explodes Chapultepec Castle, Mexico-(AP) | conference. Mexican foreign min-

-The Argentine issue exploded at ister Ezcquiel Padilla was elected the first preliminary meeting of the president.

inter-American conference today Paraguay demanded that the Ar-Eighth avenue south, was wounded with a demand by Paraguay that it gentina issue be given immediate be given immediate consideration. consideration, which would have The head of the Paraguay delega- meant that it would take precedence tion, Dr. Celso R. Velazques, over security, economic and politi-

brought up the Argentine case as cal issues. the first point in discussion of the This was turned down, however, and Argentina is left for discussion KILLED BY ACCIDENT conference agenda. The meeting was a preliminary after all the other points are cleared

Stangelville – (AP) – Mrs. Christ session of the heads of delegations away, a procedure which Padilla Mazanetz, 67, was killed yesterday sociated Press report stated today. city officials have indicated their ber, 1944. Shrapnel from a bursting to agree upon an agenda, elect a said would contribute enormously when she was struck by a car while president, and pass on rules for the to the success of the conference. crossing a street,

#### Pvt. Francis Faehling Wounded in France

Mrs. Francis Fachling, 860 Cliff street, was notified by the war department Tuesday that her husband, Pvt. Francis Fachling, was wounded in action in France February 2, An infantryman, Private Fachling entered service July 21, 1944, and went overseas in December.

#### Nekoosa Soldier Is Wounded in Action

Mrs. Lawrence Hobart of Necoosa has received the Purple Heart, which was awarded to her husband, Pvt. Lawrence Hobart, for people for job competence is the wounds received in action January

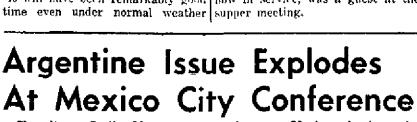
Private Hobart was serving in A great post-war problem will be Luxembourg when he was wounded that of an educational system for

Close Thursday

In observance of Washing. ton's birthday Thursday, both the Wood County and First National banks will be closed, as well as offices in the county courthouse and Wisconsia Rapids Building and Loan association.

There will be no rural or city mail deliveries and, although the postoffice lobby will be open, there will be no window sales. City hall offices with remain open and both city and county law enforcement agencies will be on duty, as well as the local fire department.

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"it will have been remarkably good now in service, was a guest at the

# be maintained unless replaced. "If informative remarks.