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STETTINIUS IN ITALY — Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius and Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, are shown at dinner shortly after Stettinius arrived in Italy. (Signal Corps radiotelephoto from NEA Telephoto.)

National Farm Loan Association To Have Meeting

Annual Meet Will Be Held at Weeping Water on Wednesday, February 14th

A large attendance is expected at the annual meeting of the Cass-Otoe National Farm Loan Association, to be held in Weeping Water, February 14, said Orest P. Cook, association president, in announcing final plans for the meeting.

Cook said the recent payment of dividends to members on their association stock should attract "more members than ever before, because they'll want to hear more about the financial progress which enabled us to pay these dividends."

The meeting will be held in the Agricultural Building and will start at 12:30 P. M., with a dinner, Cook said.

H. A. Viergutz, vice-president of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, and Lieut. Col. Carl Ganz will speak on subjects of interest to the association members. Raymond McAllister of St. Louis, will bring a message about the Red Cross.

Harold C. Elliott, association secretary-treasurer, will review 1944 activities and will explain the progress which made payment of dividends possible.

Three directors whose terms are expiring are Cook W. Paap of Otoe, and Charley W. Martin of Greenwood.

President Cook said the meeting will wind up with an entertainment program.

The Cass-Otoe Association has loans totaling nearly \$4,000,000 outstanding to farmers in Lancaster, Otoe and Cass Counties.

Manila Falls To Yanks; Reds Cross Oder River

LONDON, Feb. 5. —(AP)— Marshal Ivan S. Konev's red army was reported by the Germans today to have launched a new offensive from a bridgehead across the Oder river some 200 miles southeast of Berlin in an apparent bid to outflank this last natural barrier before the capital.

The German high command said powerful Russian forces had lashed out westward from a springboard in the Breig area of the Oder's west bank mid-way between Breslau and Oppeln, and violent fighting was going on in the heart of Silesia.

The nazis also acknowledged officially that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's army had clamped strong assault arcs against Frankfurt and Kustrin, twin bastions of the Oder defenses east of Berlin.

Moscow broadcasts and dispatches said the soviet vanguard was about "thirty" miles from Berlin, that Frankfurt and Kustrin were "closely invested" and that heavy fighting was going on in the eastern suburbs of Frankfurt.

"The red army now has crashed into Germany along a front of 360 miles, although steadily mounting resistance and a thaw which has turned the fields into bogs has slowed the soviet advance" one Moscow broadcast said.

With a 100 mile stretch of the Oder line under assault and soviet forces reported patrolling for a river crossing 32 miles northeast of the capital, Konev's forces were said by the nazi command to have reached into the Silesian defenses beyond the Oder in strong force.

"On both sides of the Brieg," a German communique said, "the enemy from his bridgehead on the Oder launched attacks supported by strong forces. Heavy fighting is in progress here."

A supplementary report by Ernst von Hammer, nazi military commentator said Konev's forces had reached the area of Grottkau, 12 miles beyond the Oder the same distance south of Brieg, and 32 miles south southeast of Breslau.

A successful drive by Konev from the general area of Breslau, coupled with a likely swing to the northwest would flank the Oder defenses and either roll them up or neutralize them, posing a direct threat to Berlin in case the Oder line should hold against the frontal onrush of Zhukov's forces.

"Against the defense ring in front of Frankfurt as well as against Kustrin and Poznan, the soviets are continuing the violent attacks without any success worth mentioning," the German high command reported.

Funeral of Mrs. Margaret Sullivan

The funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Sullivan were held on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the St. Mary's Catholic church at Bellevue, a large member of the old friends attending the services.

The burial was at 4 p. m. at the Catholic cemetery in Plattsmouth, the last rites being delayed to permit a son to reach here from the west for a last farewell.

The services at the grave were conducted by Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius, pastor of the St. John's church of this city.

The pall bearers were old family friends, comprising William McCorkindale, Wilbur Cockrell, James Hickett, Charles Dennis, Earl Resner and Joseph Kopeky.

The Sattler funeral home of this city had charge of the services.

A. H. Sweem Quite Ill At Veterans Hospital

F. L. Sweem of this city, who has been at Lincoln with his brother, A. H. Sweem, at the U. S. Veterans hospital, has returned home.

Mr. Sweem reports that his brother is very seriously ill and he remained for the past ten days at Lincoln to be near him.



TODAY'S PHILIPPINE WAR MAP — The drive on Manila gains as the 11th Cavalry Division captures Gapan, Santa Rosa and Cabanatuan, splitting the Japs' Luzon lines. The 11th Corps edges nearer to the 37th Division in sealing off the Bataan Peninsula. The First Cavalry and 37th Division entered Manila Sunday (our time.) (NEA Telemap.)

MANILA, Feb. 5. —(AP)— Avenging American troops seized control of virtually all the northern half of burning, starving Manila today after freeing 3,000 imprisoned American and British civilians and capturing the presidential palace.

The First Cavalry and 37th Infantry divisions stabbed into the heart of the Philippines capital from the east and north and rapidly were mopping up the last enemy pockets north of the Pasig river, which bisects the city.

South of the 200 to 300-yard-wide river, several thousand crack Japanese marines were blasting and burning docks, warehouses, bridges and other vital installations preparatory to what may develop into a last-man stand in the southern half of the capital.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur at last reports was waiting impatiently in the northern suburbs for the bridging of one last river for a triumphal entry into the city he was forced to abandon to its fate three years, one month and three days ago.

(A CBS broadcast from Luzon said President Sergio Osmena and President Commissioner Gen. Carlos P. Romulo landed at a Luzon airport from Washington Sunday and headed south to join MacArthur in his return to Manila.)

(Royal Arch Gunnison of the Mutual Network jubilantly reported that Manila had been "liberated," but all other sources emphasized that the southern part of the city still was in Japanese hands.)

(Radio Tokyo conceded shortly after 3 A. M., today that the Americans had entered Manila from the north and east in forces outnumbering the Japanese garrison.)

(A Japanese Domei broadcast said American troops had landed Jan. 18 on Kolo Island, largest of the Sulu group in the southwest Philippines midway between Mindanao and Borneo, with a force of 3,000 troops and more than 10 tanks.)

The 3,000 American and British civilian internees were rescued by a mechanized flying column of the First Cavalry division at the Santo Tomas University concentration camp in the heart of Manila's Saturday night after a spectacular 100-mile advance in 36 hours.

Virtually all of the buildings in the camp area, including the infamous "Filib" prison, had been cleared of Japanese by last night. The Americans fought literally from room to room for some of the buildings.

Big Gen. William C. Chase of Baltimore, who commanded the rescuing "Flying Wedge," said the condition of the internees was "most pitiful."

"They are practically skin and bones," he said. "It would break your heart to look at them."

Other elements of the First Cavalry division pressed on to the north bank of the Pasig river and seized the Malacanang Palace, former residence of the American governors general and later the seat of the Quezon government.

The 37th Infantry division entered Manila from the north at 6:30 A. M., yesterday and by early afternoon was within a few hundred yards of a junction with the First Cavalry units of Santo Tomas.

The infantrymen overran the Grace Park airfield in the northern suburbs of Manila. Though pitted by American bombs, it was expected to be repaired quickly. At least one artillery observation plane already has landed there.

Both the First Cavalry and 37th divisions met only sniper and machine-gun fire in their advances into the capital, but fierce fighting was expected when they attempt to force the Pasig to clean up the remainder of the city.

"It may be a hell of a job," one high officer said, "it may be several days before we have the city cleaned out, but the Japs have no chance now."

Air Raids Start Great Fires In Seaport Of Kobe

Great Fires are Reported as Result of the Raids by Super Fortresses

21st BOMBER COMMAND, GUAM, Feb. 5. —(AP)— Super fortresses kindled at least thirty-four fires in Kobe Japan's greatest seaport, in their first raid on the key target Sunday, reconnaissance photographs revealed today.

Tokyo reported that single super fortresses flew over Kobe soon after midnight and again about 4:30 A. M. today, Japanese time. A broadcast said one plane dropped bombs and indicated the second did also when it was said there was "absolutely no damage in both cases."

Many of the conflagrations appeared to be spreading toward the heart of Kobe, sixth largest city of the Japanese homeland, 21st bomber command officers said.

Twelve large fires were left burning in the most congested areas of the city near the Osaka Bay waterfront, most of them along the western edge of Mitsubishi Works including 18 main buildings covering 12,200 square feet with a total works area of 2,250 square feet.

Fourteen other fires were raging on the northwest edge of the city, and the wind was blowing them directly toward the center of Kobe.

The raid may have deraileded Japanese ship building and ship repair program already severely strained by increasing losses at sea to American planes, submarines and surface craft.

Church Wedding At Council Bluffs

At an 8 o'clock mass at the Holy Family church in Council Bluffs on Wednesday morning, Miss Helen L. Karns of Plattsmouth was joined in marriage to Ship's Cook Paul E. Aita, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Aita of Council Bluffs. The nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. W. Coughlin, the pastor of the church.

The bride was gown in a floor-length white gown, fashioned with a satin bodice and a full skirt of white net. The bodice featured a V-line neckline which was shirred and had long sleeves. A finger tip veil gathered in ruffled tulle of net was worn by the bride. Borrowed blue earrings and a blue stone ring were the bride's only jewelry. Miss Karns carried a white prayer book and wore a corsage of white geraniums.

Mrs. Theodore Stobbe, sister of the bride, was her only attendant. She chose a gown of pink net, fashioned with a full skirt and with a low cut ruffled neckline and wore a corsage of sweetpeas.

Earl Hunter acted as the best man for the bridegroom.

On Wednesday evening a reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's parents for close friends and relatives.

Miss Karns has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Don Schultz in Council Bluffs where she was employed.

The couple have been visiting in Plattsmouth to visit the bride's parents. Mr. Aita must report to Chicago on February 12th for his further orders from the navy. Mrs. Aita will accompany him.

Mrs. Aita is a sister of Mrs. Albert Warga of this city.

Icy Conditions Causes Many Mixups

The extremely slick highways and roads in this vicinity Sunday and early today caused a number of minor accidents and mixups that fortunately were not serious.

The highways and even the dirt roads were gleaming with ice and the cars and trucks on the roads were slipping and sliding all over the roads.

The road conditions kept Sheriff Joe Mizek out a great deal of the time to try and keep the traffic going. One of the worst cases was on Livingston Road east of the city, where an Allied moving van had slipped along the roadway and was extricated from its dangerous position by Shorty Herold with the county maintainer and able to get on its way. The scene of the accident was just south of the Missouri river traffic bridge.

Clyde Buchanan Dies at Hospital

Plattsmouth friends will regret to learn that Clyde Buchanan, a resident here for several months the past summer, died at the U. S. veterans hospital at Lincoln the past week.

Mr. Buchanan was taken to the hospital several weeks ago in a most serious condition and has been gradually failing until his death. The funeral was held Saturday at Lincoln and the interment at the Wyuka cemetery.

"Buck," as he was better known to the friends, was here for some time as manager of the 40 et 8 club, coming here from Omaha where he had made his home for the greater part of recent years.

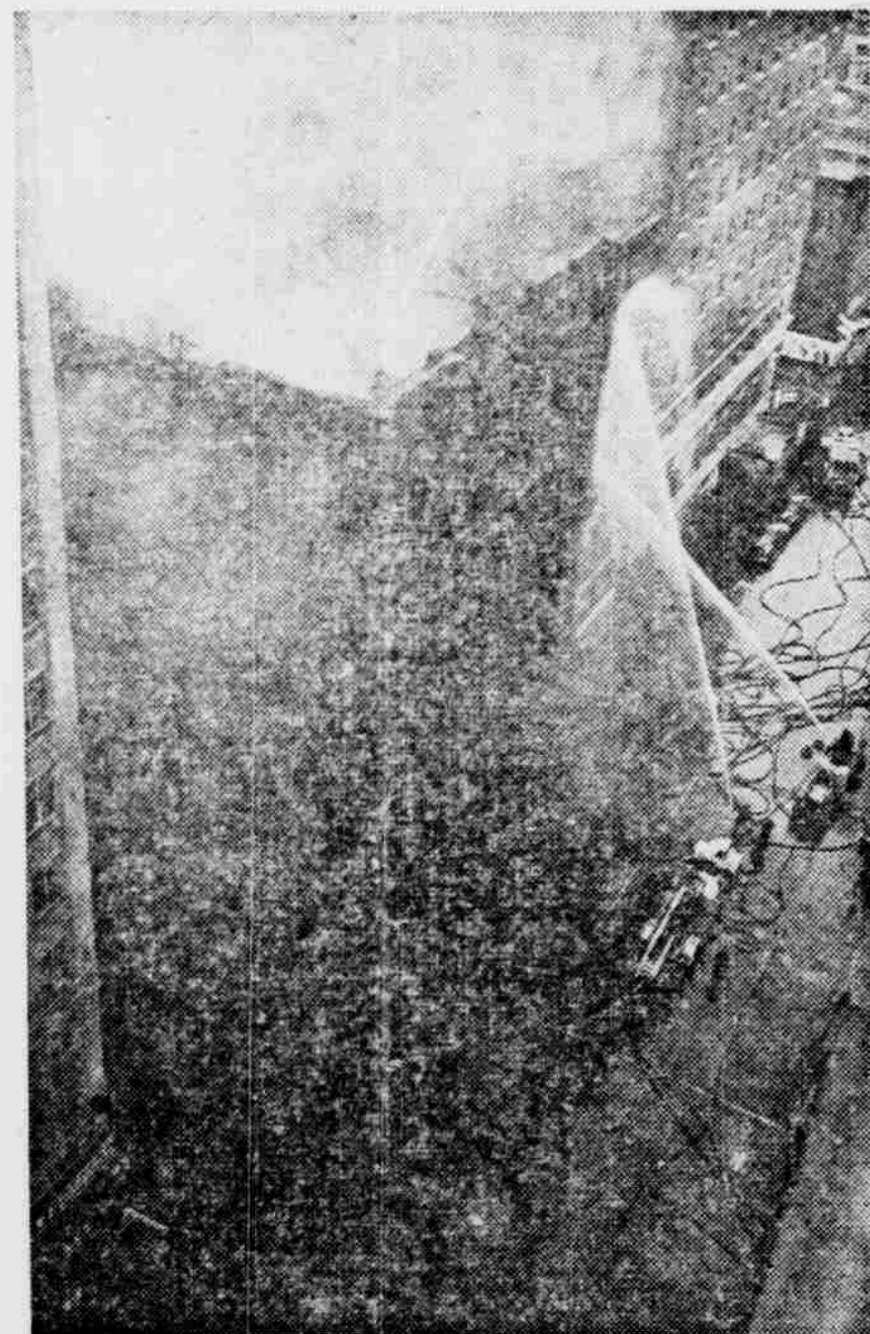
He was a former resident of Huron, South Dakota, where he had a sister residing.

Former Resident Injured In Omaha

Mrs. Frank Triletty, 65, 1801 Binney street, Omaha, was severely injured on Saturday at 16th and Corby streets Omaha.

Mrs. Triletty, a former Plattsmouth lady, was a victim of the slippery condition of the sidewalks and fell, sustaining a possibly fractured right hip. She was taken to the Doctors' hospital.

The injured lady was formerly Miss Alba Janda of this city, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Janda.



FIVE HURT IN FORT WORTH BLAZE — A stubborn four-alarm fire, which cost injuries to five city firemen and property loss of \$400,000 to owners and tenants of the Worth Bldg., in Ft. Worth, was brought under control after raging for seven hours. A view of the burning building is shown after firemen had been fighting the blaze for several hours. (NEA Telephoto.)