Sparkman Asks County-Manager System for Economy, Efficiency

YANKS GAIN 3 MILES IN BLIZZARD IN BELGIAN BULGE; PATTON HALTED

IN THE TIMES TODAY

	Page		Page
Amusements	5	Obituaries	10
Classified Ads	17, 18, 19	Radio Programs	16
Comics	14	Ration Calendar	15
Dorothy Neighbors	13	Sports	16
Editorials	6	Strolling Around Town	14
Finance	8	Wirephotos	3
Marine	10	Women's News	12

The Seattle Daily Times

SUNSET FINAL — LATEST CITY NEWS

Published Daily and Sunday and Entered as Second Class Matter at Seattle, Washington. Vol. LXVIII, No. 4. MAin 0300 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1945. 20 PAGES. PRICE FIVE CENTS

Chaplin Jury Disagrees; Mistrial

MULTNOMAH PLAN HELD PRACTICAL

By ROSS CUNNINGHAM
Associate Editor, The Times

A county-manager system could be installed in King County with important savings to the taxpayers and greatly increased efficiency, County Commissioner-elect J. Harold Sparkman declared today after returning from Oregon, where he studied the county-manager program used by Multnomah County.

Sparkman said he was considering proposing the program when he takes office next Monday, but would not make a final decision until he had conferred with the other commissioners, Joseph A. Whetstone and Archie E. Phelps, as well as other elective county officers.

Other county officials who were questioned today in reference to Sparkman's program expressed enthusiastic approval. (For their comments see Page 2.)

"It would be an important step toward streamlining and coordinating the various units of the county government, and I believe I should talk with the other offi-

(Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

Subforemen At Big Yards On 'Holiday'

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 4.—(AP)—More than 500 subforemen of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation plant here failed to report for work today, company officials announced.

The officials said they were unable to determine immediately what effect the action would have on operation of the yard, where more than 25,000 are employed on construction of warships.

Benjamin Maiatico, executive secretary of Local No. 1, Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers, of which the subforemen and other workers are members, said the "holiday" was unauthorized and that union officials had attempted to head off "the wildcat move." The union is an affiliate of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Spokesmen for the subforemen said their action was taken in protest against what they termed dilatory tactics on the part of the corporation in negotiations on reclassification.

Maiatico said the local's executive committee would meet later today to discuss whether disciplinary measures would be taken.

6 Women And Man Favored Comedian On Six Ballots

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON
United Press Hollywood Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 4. — A jury that had deliberated paternity charges against Charlie Chaplin for a day and a half without changing the opinion of a single member was dismissed today and Superior Judge Henry M. Willis declared a mistrial.

Joan Berry's attorney said he would move tomorrow for a retrial.

The jury took six ballots, and the vote on every one was seven to five for Chaplin, Ferdinand J. Gay, foreman reported.

Jury Praised

Judge Willis said he thought the jury knew its own mind.

"I can't at this moment see any reason to deliberate further," the judge said. "I feel inclined to accept the opinion of jurors who have calmly deliberated for several hours that they cannot reach a verdict."

The jury was above average in intelligence, the judge said.

The British comedian's former protege, who says Chaplin is the father of her 15-month-old daughter, Carol Ann Berry, said she didn't know what she would do.

Reached at her home, the 24-year-old Miss Berry said:

"I really don't know. I have nothing to say at this time. You'll have to talk to my attorney, Joseph Scott."

Miss Berry appeared distraught and quite upset.

Chaplin was at home and was not talking to reporters.

Two Away From Verdict

The jury poll revealed that they had been only two away from a decision from the start. In such a civil question, a vote of nine to three is sufficient.

Six of the seven women were for Chaplin, and so was one of the five men.

The man was Theodore Reischel, an interior decorator with one son.

The jurors had returned to court twice to have testimony re-read, once to clear up their minds about the time Miss Berry spent in Hans Reusch's apartment, and another time, this morning, to have the judge's instructions re-read.

Conventions May Be Banned by U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—(AP)—A ban on national conventions for the rest of the year 1945 is being prepared by the Offices of War Mobilization and of Defense Transportation, the American Transit Association reported today.

Gov.-Elect Wallgren's invitation to legislators to raise own salaries likely to get prompt acceptance, writes Ross Cunningham on Page 11.

(Paid Advertisement)

TODAY'S ECHOES . . . *By Groves*

"Of course I couldn't do it all by myself . . . *Centennial* Farina helps!"

BUY WAR BONDS

The swing is to Centennial SILK-SIFTED FLOUR, PANCAKE AND WAFFLE FLOUR PEACH BLOSSOM CAKE FLOUR, GERVITA WHEAT CEREAL, FARINA, BOB MEAL

YANK PLANES CONTINUE TO HIT FORMOSA

By Associated Press.

UNITED STATES PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 4. — Carrier planes of the United States Third Fleet swept over Formosa and Okinawa Island in the Ryukyus yesterday (U. S. time) in the second day of attacks on Japanese bases.

By Associated Press.

Hundreds of carrier planes and Superfortresses smashed for the second successive day at Formosa and Okinawa Islands today, Japanese broadcasts reported, while a new United States transport convoy and task force cut through Philippine waters "seemingly to effect new landings."

Tokyo reported 900 sorties in two days against Formosa on the heels of a blazing B-29 raid on homeland industries and extension of the American spearhead in the Philippines by a double landing on Mindoro, potential springboard for the next Yank invasion.

Domei, Japanese news agency, said the appearance of the convoy in the Sulu Sea of the Western Philippines — the third reported within a week—combined with the daring foray against Formosa "is a clear manifestation" of the "enemy's designs for a quick decision in the Philippines by a succession of daring offensives."

Domei said that "an enemy task force was escorting the transport convoy."

Domei reported about 40 Superfortresses from China joined nearly 500 Third Fleet carrier planes yesterday in the Formosa attack. Four hundred more aircraft struck today, a Formosa army communique said. Both raids lasted approximately seven hours, from dawn until early afternoon.

The Tokyo radio said single Superfortresses today harassed central areas of Honshu Island, main Japanese island on which Tokyo is situated. One plane was reported to have dropped incen-

(Continued on Page 8, Column 1.)

Park Board Plans Fishing Piers in Sound

Construction of three concrete fishing piers, which will "extend into deep waters" of Puget Sound, are included in the postwar plans of the Seattle Park Department, James A. Gibbs, Park Board president, said today.

The piers are being designed to accommodate upward of 100 fishermen each, at a cost not to exceed $10,000 each, Gibbs said. One will be at Duwamish Head, the second off Magnolia Bluff, and the third in North Ballard, near Golden Gardens.

So far the plans are only in the formative stage," Gibbs said, "and are a part of our over-all five-year program. The length and cost of each project will depend upon the depth of the water at the site."

Gibbs said the piers are being planned for public use, and will be for adults and youngsters alike. The projects will not be among the first to be constructed after the war, but will "come about in the middle of the five-year program."

Store 'Strike' Averted

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 4.—(AP)—The threatened strike by 36 Key West meat and grocery dealers against Office of Price Administration ceilings was averted today when the O. P. A. promised price adjustments would be made where found justified.

Woman Bus Driver Slain

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Brown-haired Winnefred Cecil, 25-year-old Navy bus driver, was shot to death in her bus today by a lurking assailant who robbed his victim after the slaying.

Bus drivers to vote on arbitration proposal. Page 5.

SUMMARY OF WESTERN FRONT: The Battle of the Belgian Bulge today was the Battle of the Blizzard. Heavy snowfall and zero temperature helped ten German divisions stop General Patton's northward drive, and made soldiers' boots and tanks' treads slip in the First Army's counter-attack area in the northern flank. Cocky, hard-fighting troops of the 101st Air-Borne (Eagle) Division met the brunt of the attack for Patton; angry Americans of the First Army, determined to regain Belgian soil lost to Von Rundstedt gained three miles on a six-mile front on both sides of Grandmenil, while other First Army units advanced near Rochefort, at the southwest tip. In the North Lorraine sector, Germans continued to gain east of Sarreguemines, but were checked south of Bitche.—A. P. wirephoto.

SERIOUS TROUBLE NOT LIKELY WHEN JAPS COME BACK

—Says Dillon Myer

Pointing out that there have been 67 war casualties among Japanese-American service men from the Seattle area, Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, lashed out at so-called "exclusionist groups here," and predicted there "will be no trouble of a serious nature" when Japanese return here from relocation centers.

DILLON S. MYER

Myer said it is too early to discern the pattern of movement from the centers, but the movement east is substantially greater than expected.

Myer mentioned three Seattle Japanese who distinguished themselves as heroes in the European and Pacific theatres.

"I don't anticipate serious trouble," Myer said. "I don't believe the West Coast is infested with bands of anarchists who want to disrupt the process of law and order. The talk of trouble is coming from bullies who don't usually do anything but talk.

"I don't believe there are many

(Continued on Page 7, Column 4.)

Gracie Allen Says:

WELL, I just read in the paper that the Electoral College is going to count up their presidential votes on Saturday. Not a very progressive school, if you ask me. Why, the students at Yale and Harvard counted their votes along with the rest of us a couple of months ago.

This got me interested in the college and I checked up a bit. Goodness, they're a pretty backward bunch of boys. It's the only college that has no alma mater song, no school yell. Since voting is their only activity, I thought they should at least have one yell to pep up their school spirit. May I suggest:

"Stamp that ballot. Make that X.
Roosevelt. Roosevelt. We elects.
Four and eight and twelve were keen;
Now it's six—teen, teen, teen."

Council Votes To Annex Area North of City

The City Council today voted to annex to Seattle a one and a half square mile block of territory with a population of approximately 5,000 at the northeast edge of the city, despite charges that a recent annexation election "was illegal."

The Council's action, taken at the close of a judiciary committee hearing before a large crowd, was unanimous. Cheering and applause broke out from pro-annexation forces in the audience.

Immediately after the session Dr. Judson O. Ball, leader of residents opposed to annexation, announced he will institute court action to block it.

Seven Precincts

The area is made up of seven precincts. In an election December 5, residents of Maple Leaf Nos. 1 and 2, and Yarbo precincts voted 160 to 119 for annexation. The annexation vote in Sonora, Ravenna, Ziria and Sand Point precincts was 460 to 404.

Opponents urged postponement of annexation on grounds the vote was not representative and that any change should await the return of service men.

Reports submitted by city administrative officials disclosed it will cost the city more than $51,000 this year to provide usual municipal services to the new districts.

$30,000 in Tax Income

Income from this district to the city in taxes would amount to approximately $30,000 a year, although, it was pointed out by Councilman John E. Carroll, committee chairman, that the city would receive an additional $50,000 from state-returned funds to the city if the Legislature should allow the use of 1945 population figures

(Continued on Page 7, Column 5.)

Factory Men Refuse Jobs Beside Nazis

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 4.—(AP)—An estimated 100 members of an American Federation of Labor union left their jobs at a box factory Wednesday, refusing to work alongside 30 German prisoners of war in the plant.

Carl Slocum, president of Local 211, International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, said it was not an "official strike." He declared the prisoners have been employed at the concern for six months.

Spokesmen for the American Box Board Company said that removal of the prisoners from the plant would result in a production loss of 50,000 to 75,000 boxes a day.

CASUALTIES UP 9,698; NAZI-PUSH LOSSES OMITTED

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. — Exclusive of the bitter German counter-offensive, American combat casualties through December 21 totaled 638,139. This was an increase of 9,698 over the total announced last week for the period through December 14.

Secretary of War Stimson told a news conference the War Department has not yet received an accurate statement of personnel and materiel losses resulting from the Nazi drive launched December 16. He added it will be some time before a report is available.

Army casualties totaled 556,352 through December 21, an increase of 8,529, and the Navy's total was 81,787, a rise of 1,169.

The Army's figures reported today and those reported last week follow:

Killed, 103,991 and 102,961; wounded, 326,127 and 319,935; missing, 66,567 and 65,752; prisoners of war, 59,667 and 59,165.

Comparable Navy figures:

Killed, 31,332 and 31,182; wounded, 36,697 and 35,942; missing, 9,277 and 9,010; prisoners of war, 4,481 and 4,484. The decrease in the prisoner-of-war category apparently represented shifts to other classifications.

Blood Bank Appeals For More Donors

Additional blood donors now may be accommodated at the King County Central Blood Bank, temporarily housed on the third floor of Harborview County Hospital, it was announced today by Dr. J. Richard Czajkowski, operating supervisor.

Dr. Czajkowski said it was hoped to steady the number of volunteer donors at between 40 and 50 a day. At present the volume of donors is irregular, averaging considerably below the desired number.

A total of 1,700 donors have contributed blood to the bank since its opening October 12. Arrangements are being made for organizations to supply donors in groups.

Those wishing to donate blood may telephone Main 0668.

Selling your car? See S. L. SAVIDGE CO., 1401 Broadway. Top ceiling prices paid. Immediate cash. All makes bought.

GERMANS PUSH 4 MILES MORE INTO LORRAINE

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—American First Army infantry and tanks fought three miles forward in the new offensive against the north flank of the Belgian bulge by 8 a. m. and continued the advance today through a blinding snowstorm, it was disclosed at Supreme Headquarters. The gains were along a six-mile front on both sides of Grandmenil and swept up at least one village.

On the southern flank of the German penetration, the United States Third Army was halted by violent counter-attacks of ten divisions against the heroic 101st Air-Borne Division, three to five miles north and northeast of Bastogne.

Half the gains below Grandmenil were made in the first eight hours after Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' resilient army went over the top. Weather worsened. Snowstorms turned into blizzards. Field Marshal von Rundstedt reacted swiftly with tank-supported counter-attacks.

(The Germans said British tanks were participating in the new offensive and that United States Ninth Army units had been rolled in from Aachen.)

A battle dispatch said the United States Seventh Army had blunted the German drive south of Bitche below the German Palatinate. The enemy, however, had advanced up to four miles in a day and struck within two and a half miles of the open Alsace Plain. There he could threaten Allied positions in the Wissembourg Gap into the Palatinate and to Strasbourg on the Rhine.

Moreover, the Americans had been forced to abandon their narrow conquests in the Palatinate and Saarland save for the Saarlautern bridgehead.

No Artillery Prelude

In the first three hours, the First Army knocked out more than ten tanks in the American attack.

Hodges struck without benefit of artillery or aerial bombardment and his Sherman tanks caught the Nazis almost completely by surprise, Hal Boyle, Associated Press correspondent, wirelessed. The tanks mushed over slippery ice, on slushy roads and sodden fields. Men could see no farther than 300 yards.

The village of Beffe, four miles southeast of Hotten and seven southwest of Grandmenil, was captured. Fighting was in progress for Malempre, three miles east of Grandmenil.

"The whole situation looks extremely good," a staff officer at First Army headquarters said.

1,075 Captured

German reaction, though prompt, has not yet been in strength.

The most ambitious German counter-attack was at Arbrefontaine, eight miles east of Grandmenil. This was in battalion strength and tank supported.

Some 700 Germans, including two battalion commanders, were captured during the blizzard-wracked morning and 375 more in the afternoon.

Throwing in fresh reserves and taking advantage of the hard terrain and cruel weather, the skillful German commander braced his infantry and started using armored elbows against both the First and Third Army drives. American boots and tank treads slipped on the thick ice under a deepening blanket of snow.

At the extreme southwest nose of the bulge, other Americans advanced a mile and a half, captured two unidentified villages south of Rochefort and high ground dominating the valley.

Stronger Elements Met

Hodges, shoving slowly but powerfully south from Grandmenil, began to encounter stronger elements of the enemy army. He was pushing boldly, straight toward one of the heaviest concentrations of German power on the front.

The German marshal committed another tank division against the Bastogne sector. Of the ten German divisions fighting Patton, half

(Continued on Page 9. Column 3.)

V-2 Rocket Flashes Past Mustang Flyer

LONDON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Lieut. Edward Hyman, San Antonio, Tex., was returning from Germany in his Mustang fighter at 20,000 feet when he saw a V-2 rocket bomb spiraling otward him.

"It looked like a big 50-caliber bullet as long as a telephone pole," he related today. "It came within 200 yards of me, and at a 70-degree angle. I could feel the heat of the flames spitting out from the end of it. Then it began to climb slowly and gathered speed, cutting vapor trails as it zoomed out of sight."

Battling Bernstein, ex-pugilist, builds up morale as brave medical aide, says Hal Boyle, at the front. See Page 3.

German Army Has Power To Strike Again, Says Stimson

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. — Secretary of War Stimson said today the Germans still hold enough power to launch another, though smaller, offensive on the Western Front.

The Germans, he told his weekly news conference, are a "tough, disciplined enemy" and will "never rest on a passive defense."

The secretary asserted that, "having made this gamble, the enemy is not yet pulling out. . . . On the contrary, he has dug in at certain points on the perimeter of the salient and maintains enough troops in the center to threaten another push."

Turning to the Pacific, the secretary sounded a warning similar to that regarding German power. In the Philippines, the Japanese power to strike retaliatory blows "is still lively," he said, because they have on Luzon and elsewhere many troops and planes to invest.

Speaking of German activity on the Seventh Army sector in the region of the Saar, Stimson said it remains to be seen whether that was a probe or intended as a sizeable attack.

From the beginning of the German attack on December 16 through December 30 a total of 22,430 German prisoners were taken, Stimson said.

Stimson added that a preliminary field report shows our tank losses during the German counter-offensive were only 6 per cent greater than the expected monthly attrition rate.

Stimson said he saw a "close relationship" in developments on the Western Front to affairs on the Italian Front and German prospects in the East.

Stimson said 61,269 enemy dead have now been counted on Leyte in addition to "all the thousands who perished at sea."

LuftwaffeNow Bigger, Better Than on D-Day

PARIS, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The German air force now is numerically stronger than on D-Day, as the result of its policy of conservation and continued production, and shows signs of superior leadership, a senior Allied Air Force officer said today.

The general effectiveness of the German air force is no greater, and Allied offensive air power is now greater than ever.

These statements were made at a general review of the air situation given correspondents by nine American air generals, including Lieut. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the United States Strategic Air Forces, and Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the Eighth Air Force.

In the recent German air splurge in support of Field Marshal von Rundstedt's winter offensive, Spaatz said, the enemy was able to put up more planes than at any time since D-Day.

Supreme Court orders another trial for Sydney Brunn. Page 5.