

SOLOMON ISLANDS BATTLE PROGRESSES FAVORABLY, ADMIRAL NIMITZ DECLARES

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REDS DESTROY OIL AS NAZIS APPROACH

Defense Of Maikop Area Fails to Hold

Red Lines at Two Other Points Unbroken; RAF Raids German Cities

(By The Associated Press) Dispatches telling of tremendous explosions heard on the Caucasus front indicated today that the Russians carrying out their scorched earth policy, were dynamiting the menaced Maikop oil fields, toward which powerful German tank forces were smashing through sagging Red army defenses.

A Russian communique said the lines guarding the Volga held firm under assault northwest and southwest of Stalingrad, but acknowledged withdrawals close to the Maikop fields and the jutting spurs of the Caucasus foothills.

The Russians fell back in the Armavir region, 60 miles northeast of Maikop, after a fierce engagement. The Germans were reported "striving hard to advance." Another withdrawal was made under heavy German pressure in the Kropotkin area, 60 miles north of Maikop, the Moscow communique said.

The Germans, who have claimed the capture of Maikop, Kropotkin, Armavir and Krasnodar, 55 miles northwest of Maikop, said their forces thrust 170 miles southeast of the oil field center and seized Pyatigorsk. They claimed to have reached the north slopes of the Caucasus range along a 250-mile front.

The Germans described Russian resistance on the Stalingrad front as desperate but said the axis onslaught was beaten to a standstill in the Kletska area, 80 miles northwest of Stalingrad, and northeast of Kotelnikovski, 95 miles north of the Caucasus, Red army counter attacks were making further headway, the Russian war bulletin reported. It

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE are hints in the news as this is written that the crucial moment of the battle of Russia may be near.

HENRY CASSIDY, AP correspondent at Moscow, says: "Hurling HUGE tanks against the nazi mechanized onrush, the red army CHECKED the Germans today along the whole Stalingrad front in one of the great tank battles of the war. German infantry were crushed by the hundreds under the steel war wagons."

From Rzhnev, far to the north, between Moscow and Leningrad, come reports, confirmed by the Germans, of increasing Russian pressure.

TO THE south of Rostov, the German juggernaut rolls on. It is spearheaded by dive bombers, followed by light tanks, which are followed by heavier tanks and behind these are the mechanized infantry—the typical blitzkrieg.

The Germans are reported to be within 30 miles of Maikop, the first of the Caucasus oil fields.

India Torn by Rioting After Jailing of Gandhi, Aides in Civil Disobedience Campaign

BY PRESTON GROVER
BOMBAY, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The All-India congress party's campaign of mass civil disobedience gained momentum today as workers left their jobs in 18 mills and rioting flared anew in Bombay, where police fired into a large and turbulent crowd which refused to disperse.

Violent disorders broke out in various parts of the city, with demonstrators stoning suburban trains in one area and burning a government grain shop in another.

Twenty-three were sent to the hospital with bullet wounds suffered when police fired twice into groups in the Dadar district of Bombay; in Poona police fired on a crowd, mostly of students, near Parsurambhau college, and 14 were removed to a hospital. Schools and colleges there were closed. Goondas, the Hindu name for hoodlums, threw bottles through windows.

At Lucknow, police fired also on a crowd of striking university students who were trying to form a parade. Thirteen were arrested.

The work stoppages in some Bombay mills were in response to Mohandas K. Gandhi's "do or die" call for a "complete deadlock" by strikes and all other non-violent means.

As the campaign entered its second day amid shootings, showers of bottles and shouts of demonstrators, there were reports of even greater trouble ahead.

Bands of Hindus stoned some Moslem shops in the "trouble area" of south central Bombay. Police have the greatest fear of repetition of the communal Moslem-Hindu riots which have followed previous civil disobedience campaigns. These riots often were the bloodiest and the most difficult to suppress.

Throughout the city troops were stationed in groups ranging from a dozen soldiers to a full platoon.

They evidently were being shown largely for moral effect, however, for they were not participating with the police in breaking up disturbances. But they carried their rifles.

The curfew from 7 p. m. to daylight plus rain kept the city quiet last night, but the mid-morning saw a renewal of the disturbances.

Writer's Car Bombed.
In a two-hour drive through the troubled area my car was shot at several times. Rowdies threw bottles, pots, rocks and anything they could hastily seize from stands of nearby shops.

The windows of the automobile were smashed and I was showered with glass fragments. The car was dented in half a dozen places but I received only a few stinging pellets from the broken glass.

One Indian, detecting that I was an American, shouted to the crowd to stop, but he could not

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Ex-Mayor of Fairbanks Faces Shortage Charge
FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Aug. 10.—(AP)—William N. Growden, former mayor and U. S. commissioner, was to be arraigned in federal court today on a charge of being short in his accounts as commissioner.

Growden, about 50, was serving his third term as mayor. He resigned recently, announcing he planned to return to the U. S. army signal corps. He was also chairman of the Fairbanks selective service board.

He got his political start in 1932 when he was elected to the territorial house of representatives from Ruby where he was a signal corps sergeant. He was appointed U. S. commissioner here in 1933 and was elected a few years later to the city council. After serving four years he was elected mayor.

Sam Brown, Ex-Oregon Lawmaker, Gravely Ill
PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer who became one of Oregon's leading political figures, is in a critical condition in a hospital here with pneumonia.

Brown, who is 68, was stricken Thursday. He has been in ill health for two years.

He was a member of the state house of representatives from 1923 to 1933.

He was runner-up for republican nomination as governor in 1934 and 1938 and ran second to Charles L. McNary for nomination to the U. S. senate in 1936.

War Output Must Not Lag, F. D. R. Warns

U. S. Stride in Full Need Only Begun, Declaration; Sacrifices Lie Ahead

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Twenty major American war plants receive new army-navy production awards today following President Roosevelt's declaration that battle needs demanded "an unceasing flow" of weapons and materials.

"The united efforts of our army and navy striking at the enemy on every continent and every ocean, and of our people at home working without interruption to turn out the weapons of war," Mr. Roosevelt said yesterday, "cannot fail to produce the victory which will again establish the tradition of free men throughout the world."

In a message read over a special broadcast, the president said "great progress" had been made on the production front, but added that "in terms of what will be required to defeat our enemies, we have only just begun to get into our stride."

Speed Pledged.
The president's message featured a broadcast during which top government and labor officials pledged their united efforts to speed war production.

"An army-navy production flag flying above a factory or mine will bear witness that management and labor there are doing their utmost to help their army and navy win this war," the chief executive's message said.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, told the nation of a "crucial need for more raw materials" and warned that victory would

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Cottage Grove's 4th Fire in Three Weeks Kills Man

COTTAGE GROVE, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Cottage Grove's epidemic of suspicious fires reached serious proportions today when Stewart William King, 23, Cottage Grove, died at a Eugene hospital as the result of burns suffered early this morning in a motor cabin blaze, which the caretaker, J. D. Smith, said he was convinced "was deliberately set."

The blaze was the fourth suspicious fire in the Cottage Grove area in the last three weeks.

King was a resident of one of the three cabins destroyed with a loss of \$4,000.

The epidemic of fires left Cottage Grove residents and mill owners in a jittery mood. W. A. Woodward, who has suffered the loss of his \$75,000 home and a \$40,000 dry kiln at his mill in two fires which have been termed by State Police Superintendent Charles Pray as probably the work of a dangerous pyromaniac, redoubled the guards on his remaining mill property. He said they had been issued rifles and saved off shotguns.

J. H. Chambers, who last week saw his \$300,000 mill burn to the ground in a fire which police have definitely linked with the Woodward blazes, was at a loss to name any former employee of his who might bear a grudge. The blaze which destroyed his plant has also been characterized as definitely incendiary.

Other mill owners in Springfield and Eugene doubled guards and took every precaution to prevent further outbreaks.

Saboteurs Dodge Electric Chair

While six of their fellow nazi saboteurs paid the penalty in the electric chair at Washington, D. C., last Saturday, the two pictured above escaped with prison sentences because they aided the government in building its case.



ERNEST BURGER.



GEORGE DASCH.

Burger received a life term, Dasch 30 years, both at hard labor. The group of eight were landed on U. S. soil from nazi submarines, equipped with explosives, as well as American money, intended to be used in bribery attempts to gain access to war plants.

I. B. Goodman Killed Self, Pathologist Says

Evidence produced by the post mortem on the body of I. B. Goodman, who died Thursday from a gunshot wound in the head, indicates that the fatal wound was self-inflicted, according to a report received today by Sheriff Cliff Thornton. The post mortem was conducted by Dr. Joseph Beeman, state police department pathologist, who reported his findings in a written statement received by the sheriff this morning.

The course of the bullet, powder burns and other evidence, the report states, indicates that the shot was fired in a successful suicide attempt.

Bill Bans Women From Beer, Liquor Stores

SALEM, Aug. 10.—Women would be prohibited from entering beer dispensaries or state liquor stores under a bill now being proposed for consideration at the 1943 legislative session.

Identity of the sponsors of the proposed legislation was not disclosed here but the bill was reported to have its origin in Portland. Beer dispensaries, under the proposed bill, would include all places where beer is sold for consumption on the premises.

Youth Admits Theft From Stepfather to Buy Auto

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—(AP)—With one penny left in his pocket, Robert Grover, 17, Portland, walked up to a policeman last night and said, "I stole \$1,100 from my stepfather Wednesday night."

Officer Paul A. Curry took the youth to headquarters where he told detectives that he took the money from George W. Wann and with another youth bought a car for \$450 which they drove to Seattle on a spending spree.

Grover was charged with larceny. Bail was set at \$1,000.

Resistance of Japs Stubborn As Combat Enters Fourth Day; Losses Thus Far Unannounced

MacArthur's Forces Cooperate in Offensive by Blasting Japs Bases in New Guinea, New Britain; Results of Raid on Japs at Kiska Not Yet Given.

(By The Associated Press)
The battle of the Solomon islands was developing today into a major offensive which seemed likely to eclipse the defensive victories of Midway and the Coral sea as American-led forces kept up their blows by sea, air and perhaps land against heavy Japanese opposition.

The latest word from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, United States naval commander in the Pacific, indicated that the initiative still was firmly in the hands of the American fleet and other allied forces as the battle of the Solomons blazed into its fourth day.

"Operations are progressing favorably," he declared late Sunday.

A communique issued in Washington late yesterday said "considerable enemy resistance has been encountered and it is still too early to announce results or to estimate either our own or enemy losses."

In the extreme western Aleutians, a United States naval task force operation against the Japanese-seized outpost of Kiska appeared completed—its results still undisclosed.

A Japanese communique, familiar in its extravagant claims of American and Australian warship losses, said Japanese naval as well as air forces were in action in defense of the Solomon island bases, sinking or damaging 28 allied warships and transports against damaging of only two Japanese cruisers and downing seven planes.

However, unlike its account of the Aleutian foray in which it claimed that a strong United States naval force had been beaten off, Emperor Hirohito's high command made no assertion that the allied attack in the Solomon area had been repulsed.

Hint of Japanese Reverses
A Japanese news agency account, quoting Tokyo naval quarters, appeared to be clearing the way for an acknowledgment of reverses. It said the Americans had picked on a weak line in the Japanese chain of advance bases.

Admiral Nimitz said the attack on the Tulagi area in the southeastern Solomons, 600 miles across the Coral sea from Australia, was being pressed by sea and air against Japanese land-based planes and garrisons.

Although allied sources made no specific mention of transports in the attacking fleet, Admiral Nimitz' reference to enemy land garrisons suggested the possibility that American or Australian troops might have been put ashore and that land fighting might be in progress.

It was at Tulagi, on Florida island, that the Japanese assembled the invasion armada which was smashed by land and carrier-based bombers three months ago in the battle of the Coral sea.

"It should be realized, however," he continued, "that we must not relax our defenses. We have seen all too plainly what happens when we fail to keep up our guard. We've been licked. We don't want that to happen here, but it can happen if women who can but won't give the time to this important work fail in giving their service."

Lieutenant Ruryan urges that women willing to serve the filter center register at the armory without delay. Those desiring special information are asked to call at the armory with their questions.

MacArthur Also Strikes
The fight for the Solomons touched off land and aerial activity along the whole vast barrier of islands north and northeast of Australia as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces lashed out at the invaders.

His communique said allied patrols inflicted casualties on the Japanese in skirmishes in the Kokoda area on the Papuan peninsula of New Guinea midway between Japanese bases near Buna and the allied base at Port Moresby.

Attacking by day and night, allied bombers battered the key

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U. S. Air Force Soon to Attack Nazis, Chief Says

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the United States army air forces in Britain, declared today that the American air force was ready to begin attacks against Germany "within the immediate future."

"The American air forces and the Royal Air Force have worked in such full cooperation that we are proceeding ahead of the actual schedule," he said.

"Within the immediate future operations in accordance with plans that have been in the making between the Royal Air Force and the American air forces will commence. Our enemy at the appointed time will feel the might of a thoroughly coordinated British-American air force."

Maj. Gen. M. W. Clark, commander of U. S. ground forces in Britain, said "the sooner a second front could be opened, the better."

BULLETIN!

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Admiral Ernest J. King announced today that American forces had landed in the southeastern Solomons islands with the purpose of driving out the Japanese and permanently occupying this strategic area in the southern Pacific.