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In The Day's News

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THERE'S another of those lulls in the news as this is written. Plenty of shooting, of course, but most of it in the SAME places—nothing NEW and thrillingly significant.

THE Rome radio says:

The ousting of Mussolini was a POLITICAL even and from the military standpoint ENHANCED the Italian will to resist.

It adds: "The expectation that Italy would desert Germany at this critical moment of the war and trade her national honor as an escape from fighting is an INSULT."

THAT pretty well tells the story.

Italy would LIKE to quit, but Germany won't let her. Since Badoglio and little Victor Emanuel are afraid to fight the Germans, they're honeying up to them.

THE Russians are pounding steadily westward, and seem to have Kharkov within their grasp.

They had Kharkov at the start, and lost it in the first big German push and won it back and lost it again.

The fighting in Russia has been and still is like the fighting in Africa in the early years of the war. It's forward and back. One side stages a big push and sweeps everything before it, and then the other side does the same thing.

So far, the net ground gain is in Germany's favor.

WATCH the fighting in Russia.

The Russians may be starting this time what Montgomery started last fall at El Alamein. That is to say, they may be starting to push the Germans clear out of Russia as our side has pushed them clear out of Africa. That would be BIG news.

WE'RE well on the way toward squeezing the Germans out of Sicily. At the same time, the Germans have dug themselves in in northern Italy so strongly that blasting them out will be a real job. Our rosy dream of a few days ago that we'd sweep clear up to the Brenner pass with hardly any fighting at all is fading.

BUT the Germans are gripped by fear. There can be no denying that. They know they can't WIN the war. Their only

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American British-Based Bombers Attack German Industrial Areas

LONDON, Aug. 12—(AP)—German planes retaliated last night in the heaviest raid on Britain in several weeks when about 10 raiders dumped incendiaries on an unnamed southwest coast town.

Eight persons were killed and a number were injured, it was announced, when bombs destroyed a number of dwellings and stores and damaged two schools, a church and a number of shops.

Two neighboring towns also were attacked, it was announced, but only slight damage and no casualties were reported.

The overnight attacks on German war production plants in the Ruhr and Rhineland followed a heavy Tuesday night attack on the Nazi shrine city of Nuremberg, where heavy RAF bombers spilled more than 1,500 tons of explosives.

A Bern Switzerland, report received by CBS said that 2,000 bodies had been recovered from the Nuremberg ruins and that 40,000 persons were made homeless. Fires still burned in the city last night, the report said.

Japs Report U. S. Raid on Kurile Area

Eight Planes Said to Have Participated; Axis Chiefs Assemble for Conference

The Berlin radio announced in a Tokyo dispatch that Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, German Ambassador Heinrich Stahmer and Italian Ambassador Mario Indelli held a conference this afternoon, discussing "current problems which arise from the tripartite powers from the present war situation."

The broadcast was recorded by the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12—(AP)—A Japanese broadcast recorded by the federal communications today reported American fliers had attacked the "northern section" of the Kurile island approaches to Japan and warned: "Further appearances of enemy planes from the north are to be expected."

In a later broadcast, the Tokyo radio identified the planes as five Liberators and three Flying Fortresses and said the raiders were Aleutian-based.

The earlier announcement had said that Japanese anti-aircraft "promptly repulsed" the American attackers.

Domel, Japanese news agency, placed the attack at "7:20 a. m. this morning," but an announcement beamed to North America fixed the time as 10 minutes earlier.

The Japanese naval base at Paramushiro in the northern Kuriles was heavily attacked by American planes several weeks ago.

The broadcast warned the Japanese that the raid must be regarded as resulting from "positive measures" that the United States had taken to "raid our mainland, Japan, from the north."

The first bombing of Japanese territory from Aleutian-based planes was made on Paramushiro on July 20 without loss.

Sweden's Trade To Italy Severed

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 12—(AP)—Germany has cut off Sweden's commercial trade with Italy by refusing to transport Swedish goods on the Reich's railways, an official statement disclosed today.

A statement from the German railway director to Sweden declared, "we can no longer transport your goods."

It came a week after Sweden announced the transport of German troops and war materials over Swedish railways between Germany, Norway and Finland would be discontinued this month.

Sweden principally shipped Italy cellulose for artificial silk which was processed into textiles which Italy exported to Sweden. The Swedes also received fruit from Italy.

Conflicting Stories Woman Who Stole Albany Infant Subject of Official Inquiry

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 12—(AP)—The strange Judith Gurney kidnaping case grew more weird today as authorities check conflicting stories of the past life of Mrs. Catherine Wright, 26, who confessed taking the two-day old baby girl from a hospital nursery last week.

Her story that she was wounded in the bombing of Pearl Harbor was challenged yesterday by a Long Beach, Calif., cafe worker, who said he was her husband at the time, and by army officials.

Harry (Woody) Morgan told Long Beach police he was married to the woman who now is the wife of army Sgt. Jesse Wright on Oct. 7, 1941, in Honolulu, and that her injuries resulted from falling off the back porch of their home a week later.

Morgan said his wife left Hawaii shortly after the bombing and that he has never been officially notified if she has obtained a divorce or an annulment of their marriage.

District Attorney Harlow Weinrick said Mrs. Wright told him after her arrest on a child-stealing charge that she had been married to Morgan but had obtained an annulment after three days.

She also told Weinrick that she had been wounded by shell fragments on the head and neck

while working as a teletype operator at Hickam Field during the Pearl Harbor attack.

Army authorities at Honolulu told the Associated Press yesterday they had no record of Mrs. Morgan having been employed there.

Sergeant Wright, who was led to believe he was a father, had told reporters that he thought Morgan was killed in the Pearl Harbor bombing. When informed of Morgan's statement, he was convinced that he and Mrs. Wright were married legally. He added that he didn't believe Morgan because he knew "Morgan hates my wife and would do anything he could to hurt her."

Wright, who had been held as a material witness, was released yesterday. He said he would stand by his wife, who is held in the Linn county jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Edward Sox, Albany, appointed by the court as Mrs. Wright's attorney, indicated her arraignment probably would be resumed today. He said he would advise her to waive preliminary hearing and be bound over to the grand jury.

Weinrick said the Gurney family did not feel "too kindly" toward Mrs. Wright and wanted "justice to take its course." If convicted of the child stealing charge, Mrs. Wright would face one to 25 years imprisonment, a \$10,000 fine, or both.

Counterfeit Gang Seized at Seattle

SEATTLE, Aug. 12—(AP)—Announcement of the breaking up of the "best organized" counterfeit gang "ever to attempt operations in the Pacific northwest," was made last night by Capt. William R. Jarrell, supervising agent of the secret service in Seattle.

Three men were arrested and 225 spurious \$10 bills confiscated, he said.

Jarrell said the \$10 bills and a series of \$20 notes, believed to be from the same presses, were among the cleverest currency imitations he ever had encountered.

He said 175 counterfeit notes were found in a cache behind a sink in the hotel room of one of the prisoners, the man suspected of doing the actual counterfeiting. His identity was withheld.

He said the other men, booked as Joel L. Parson, 41, a machinist, and Harold K. Ashby, 43, a seaman, were suspected as "passers" of the notes.

Jarrell expressed the belief only seven 20's and ten \$10 bills had been passed.

Parachutes Save Lives of Fliers Following Collision

OLYMPIA, Aug. 12—(AP)—The pilots of two army fighter planes parachuted to safety last night as their planes crashed within a few minutes of each other and burned in sparsely settled east Olympia.

Deputy Sheriff Dick Bryan said one of the planes had sheared the tail off the other in a maneuver. He reported the clipped tail landed about a mile from the vicinity of the crashes.

The public relations offices at McChord field reported that the uninjured pilots were First Lt. Kenneth J. Sorace and Second Lt. Marion B. Seavers. Their home cities were not listed.

Meeting of Grocers to Be Held in Roseburg Friday

Wholesale and retail grocers of the area served by the Roseburg rationing board are being urged to attend a meeting at the circuit courtroom of the courthouse in Roseburg at 8 p. m., Friday, Aug. 13, it was announced today by L. V. Hammock, chairman of the rationing board.

The purpose of the meeting will be to explain new regulations in food pricing and to offer general help in the understanding of all food regulation. Cliff Jackson, OPA price specialist of food and food products, will be the principal speaker.

Food Program to Be Reorganized

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—(AP)—Food Administrator Marvin Jones has called in a former associate in congress, former Rep. William L. Nelson (D-Mo.), to help rebuild the wartime food program along lines which would, Nelson said, give "the folks back home more to say about what's to be done."

The Missourian, who was one of the democrats swept out of office by the farm belt uprising at last fall's election, has been named special assistant to Jones. He will serve as the connecting link between the food administrator and the state and local agricultural war boards.

The new assistant told an interviewer that it was his and Jones' intention to "give the folks back home" greater responsibility in running future farm programs.

"Regulations issued from Washington," he said, "will be held to the very minimum."

Nelson said the decision to decentralize the food program reflected the thinking and wishes of the people.

"That's one thing I learned since the election," he added.

General Patch to Direct Army Maneuvers at Bend

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—(AP)—Major General Alexander M. Patch, Jr., who commanded army forces on Guadalcanal, will direct fall maneuvers of the Fourth corps in the vicinity of Bend, Ore., Sept. 6 to Oct. 31, the war department announced today.

Patch, who took command in Guadalcanal when marines were withdrawn and directed operations which cleared the Japanese from the island, was returned to the United States to command the Fourth corps under a policy designed to give training units the benefit of the experience of battle proven commanders.

Truck Driver Critically Wounded by Gas Thieves

SALEM, Aug. 12—(AP)—Shot by two transients last night after he caught them stealing gasoline from his truck, Don Zander, 24, logging truck driver, was in critical condition today in a Salem hospital.

The shot pierced his diaphragm. Zander said his assailants were a man about 40 years old and a boy about 16, the man firing the shot. The attack occurred on a downtown street. The men made their getaway in a light sedan.

Russian Drive Nears Karkov Suburban Area

Ukrainian Capital Under Fire Soviet Guns; Seventy More Villages Recaptured

MOSCOW, Aug. 12—(AP)—The Russian stranglehold on Karkov tightened today as red army troops drove within seven and one-half miles of the big Ukrainian city from the northeast and severed the Poltava-Karkov railway, main lifeline of the defending nazis, over a 10-mile stretch west of the nearly encircled bastion.

The British radio reported that Karkov already was under fire from Russian guns. The broadcast, recorded by CBS, quoted a late message from the front.

The big drive against Bryansk rolled ahead through fresh German tank divisions that had been rallied in a desperate effort to halt the advance.

Perfect coordination of soviet tanks, infantry, artillery and aviation was an important factor in the highspeed rush to envelop Karkov, Red Star, army newspaper, reported.

Soviet infantry and artillery were waging battle against nazi strongholds while tank forces by-passed garrisons towns to sever communications and capture settlements in the hills around the enemy bases.

East of Karkov, where red army forces were fighting their way tenaciously into the city's suburban districts, the Germans were reported felling cherry and apple trees to construct pillboxes among the ruins of the villages.

The drive on Bryansk from Orel pressed forward through 70 more villages yesterday and drew steadily closer to the main objective. Despite bad weather, squadrons of Russian bombers rained destruction on the retreating Germans.

Two German armored trains operating on the railway east of Karkov were assisting fresh German tank and infantry units as they made numerous counterattacks in an effort to stem the soviet drive.

Stalin Confers With Ambassadors

LONDON, Aug. 12—(AP)—Premier Joseph Stalin conferred with the American and British ambassadors in Moscow yesterday in talks which appeared to be closely linked with the forthcoming meetings between Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt.

In making the announcement, the Moscow radio offered no comment, but the timing of the meeting, coinciding with preparations in Canada for the sixth Roosevelt-Churchill war conference, left little doubt here as to its nature.

It had been previously announced that Moscow was being informed closely of all developments in the Italian situation. The Yorkshire Post, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's newspaper, reiterated that the soviet premier was being informed "almost hourly" of all developments.

Klamath Falls Flier Survives Crash of Plane

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif., Aug. 12—(AP)—Crashes in the San Francisco bay area cost the army two fighter planes yesterday, but the pilots escaped serious injury.

Second Lt. James E. Barlow, 25, of Klamath Falls, Ore., piled up in a field 200 yards from the Bayshore highway near San Mateo and 2nd Lt. John R. Weldon, 21, of Lindsay, Calif., crashed on Tubbs island, five miles northeast of his Hamilton field base.

Prune Growers Asking OPA for Higher Prices

SALEM, Aug. 12—(AP)—Prune growers voted unanimously last night to appeal to the office of price administration to increase prune price ceilings from \$40 to \$50 a ton. They contended present prices will make it impossible to harvest the crop.

Churchill and Daughter View Niagara Falls

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 12—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain left today for an unannounced destination after viewing Niagara Falls from the Canadian side.

Churchill crossed to the American side of the falls after an hour and a half sight-seeing trip on the Canadian side of the cataract.

He was accompanied by his daughter, Subaltern Mary Churchill of auxiliary territorial service, and a large party.

When asked if he had seen the falls before, Churchill replied "I saw the falls before you were born," and explained he first visited the scenic sight in 1900.

Asked if the falls looked the same, Churchill asserted: "Well, the principal remains the same. The water keeps falling over."

Before boarding his train on the American side, the prime minister gave the "V" salute.

Farm Income Sets New Oregon Record

CORVALLIS, Aug. 12—(AP)—Oregon's cash farm income soared to a record high of approximately \$220,000,000 last year, the department of agriculture and the Oregon agricultural extension service estimated today.

And indications are, the report added, that 1943 will crack the 1942 record. For the first four months of this year income was almost one-fifth greater than for the same period last year.

The 1942 total was nearly double the 1935-39 average, the agencies said.

Agriculture still ranked as the principal basic source of income in the state, the report said, with timber and lumber a close second with the inclusion of manufacturing values.

Manpower Shortage in Lumber Industry Serious

SEATTLE, Aug. 12—(AP)—If more manpower is not recruited for the Pacific coast's lumber industry, production will be curtailed and some mills possibly will have to shut down, the West Coast Lumberman's association predicted yesterday.

The report said this year's production has fallen 17 per cent below the 1942 level.

An average of 153,373,000 board feet was turned out by west coast mills during July and a tide-water log inventory showed 78,000,000 board feet—less than a third of the amount needed by summer's end to carry through the winter, the association report said.

U. S. Chamber Commerce Head Arrives in Britain

LONDON, Aug. 12—(AP)—Eric Johnston, of Spokane, Wash., president of the United States chamber of commerce arrived in Great Britain today to study how British industry mobilized for war and for discussions with industrial leaders and union officials on closer post-war collaboration between Britain and the United States.

Johnston, who plans to remain two weeks, was accompanied by William Denton, vice-president of the University of Chicago; Hardy Burt, chief radio adviser of the United States chamber of commerce and John O'Hara, his personal assistant.

Brakeman Is Killed in Fall Under Car Wheels

RYDERWOOD, Wash., Aug. 12—(AP)—Joe G. Trudell, 56, a Longview, Portland and Northern railway brakeman, was killed here yesterday when he fell beneath the wheels of a moving freight car.

London Reports Civilian Air Raid Casualties

LONDON, Aug. 12—(AP)—Civilian air raid casualties in Britain during July were 167 killed and 210 injured, it was announced officially today.

Boats Plying Narrow Straits Under Curtain Anti-Aircraft Fire; U. S. Troops Land From Sea

By The Associated Press
German evacuation of Sicily was in full swing today following the second successful landing of American troops behind Axis defense lines. The Germans were reported to be withdrawing troops and heavy equipment with at least 80 vessels plying night and day across the Messina strait under a record umbrella of anti-aircraft fire which was growing steadily in intensity.

Determined to save all possible equipment, the German command was reported to have decreed that "the passport to Italy is a gun," meaning that troops must bring their weapons along if they want places in the boats at Messina.

American elements which landed behind the German lines by assault boats for the second time in three days fought through the night to establish contact with the main body of their forces in the vicinity of Cape Orlando.

Oregon Man Killed in Bomber Crash

VALPARAISO, Fla., Aug. 12—(AP)—Six men were killed Monday when an army medium bomber on training flight crashed into the gulf of Mexico about 50 miles off Santa Rosa island, officials of the Eglin army air field announced today.

The plane was based on Barksdale field, La. Capt. W. W. Lange, Eglin public relations officer, said the plane was seen to hit the water and burst into flames. It sank immediately and no trace was seen of any survivors.

The dead included: Staff Sergeant Mike Gunkiss, engineer-navigator, next of kin listed as a sister, Mrs. Florence Mirwald, Oregon City, Ore.

Eisenhower Gives Praise To United Nations Staff

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 12—(AP)—Commemorating the first anniversary of the formation of the allied headquarters staff, General Dwight D. Eisenhower told 230 staff officers today that "we have shown and will continue to show the world that the allies can fight under one command and as one nation."

The staff was organized in London a year ago to plan the North African operation and has functioned as a unit since.

"This," he said, "is the only way to win the war and the way it will be won. We joined forces for one object—to kill the Hun."

The commander of all allied forces in the North African theater said the original invasion of Africa was the greatest allied military venture in history and told his officers that "through your hard work you made it an unqualified success."

Army Officer Charged With Death of Sergeant

MOSES LAKE, Aug. 12—(AP)—The Moses lake army air base announced today Pvt. Nelson Matson of Philadelphia had been charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Sgt. William G. Woodruff of Roanoke Rapids, S. C., whose body was found floating in Moses lake July 13.

Military authorities reported at the time death was due to "severe concussion."

Soldiers Released to Mine Critical Metals

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 12—(AP)—Approximately 350 soldiers packed their duffel bags today in the first step toward exchanging rifles for miner's picks. They were the first of about 4,500 soldiers who will be released from army duty to go back to work in copper, zinc, molybdenum and other mines producing metals the United States needs for war.

New Selective Service Program Expected to Be Announced Sunday

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—(AP)—Action which may retard and minimize the drafting of fathers is expected to be announced Sunday by War Manpower commission-Selective Service officials.

The line to be taken probably will be aimed at adapting draft operations to the manpower problem by giving draft-eligible men an inducement to shift into vital war production work. It was described as about the ultimate WMC move short of a general labor-draft.

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The Yanks had to fight their way ashore to launch the assault at dawn Wednesday and were met immediately by strong German counterattacks, reports to headquarters said today.

American warships and swarms of fighter-bombers covered the landing, pouring a storm of shells, bombs and machinegun fire into German detachments as they surged down the beach to give battle.

The surprise element which contributed to the success of the outflanking of the San Agata-Cesaro line from the sea at the week end was lacking, but the Americans broke up the counterattacks, and a field dispatch said they had "successfully established a bridgehead."

The action, near the mouth of the Naro river 40 miles due west of Messina, probably trapped large German forces within a 10-mile area between the main American army attacking frontally along the north coast and the landing party at the rear.

Elsewhere in the battle for Sicily steady allied advances were reported on all fronts and large-scale air attacks on the Italian mainland were resumed.

A strong force of American Flying Fortresses bombed Terni, an important railway and manufacturing center 50 miles north of Rome, in the heaviest of these sweeps.

The key German base of Randazzo has been brought under fire by light as well as heavy artillery of the American force fighting its way eastward along the road from Cesaro, indicating ground lines have been established within three miles of the town.

Closing in from the southwest, a British Eighth army column was reported more than half way along on the 10-mile road between Bronte and Randazzo.

Sinking Gasoline Barge is Probed

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 12—(AP)—Authorities investigated today the sinking of the barge Umatilla of Portland in the main channel of the Columbia river here late yesterday.

The barge, loaded with 210,000 gallons of diesel oil, upended in 75 feet of water off the Standard Oil company dock as it was being brought in for moorage by a tug. An unidentified man aboard the barge was pulled to safety.

Only the forepart of the barge remained above water. Tugs and coast guard tenders set to work to pull the sunken craft into the dock.

Levity Fact Rent
By L. F. Reizenstein

Since we are morally obligated to feed our present and future axis prisoners, why not send over "stretchers" for Mussolini and Hitler.

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