

ALLIES PLUNGING INLAND FROM ITALY BRIDGEHEAD

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In The Day's News

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THE Russians take Sumy—their fourth triumph in almost as many days.

Sumy is about two-thirds of the way from Kharkov to the Bryansk-Kiev mainline railroad. (Railroads, especially main lines, are always supremely important in Russian fighting.)

THE Russians say that Taganrog was the worst Nazi disaster since Stalingrad.

Some 35,000 Germans were killed there, according to Moscow reports, 5,000 were captured and eight German divisions, totaling 120,000 men, were routed.

The Germans, you'll remember, tried to give the impression that they evacuated Taganrog voluntarily.

THE Russians are on the move over the whole 600-mile front from Smolensk to the Sea of Azov, and the Germans are retreating, camouflaging their retreat (for home front effect) with the odd statement that they're withdrawing troops from the Russian front to meet an expected attack from the WEST.

Russian reports scout the idea that the Germans are REMOVING troops from the eastern front—asserting that the nazis are pouring in NEW RESERVES and flinging them into battle without even a rest pause.

THE plain fact is that the Germans are retiring to a new line in Russia (probably the Dnieper river) BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HOLD THE OLD ONE.

Back in gloomy 1940, the British and the French were doing the same thing in France. Every few days we'd get the reassuring statement that they were retiring in good order to a new line, and we'd hope that this time the Germans were going to be caught in a trap and thrown back decisively.

This British and French retirement ENDED with Dunkerque and the fall of Paris.

It's the Germans who are on the retreating end now.

THERE'S a new development in the war of nerves. The Russians are beginning to PUT THE HEAT ON TURKEY.

The Soviet magazine, "War and the Working Class", says in its latest issue, just out, that the final defeat of Germany could be accelerated if Turkey "would abandon her neutrality and throw in her lot with the allies." The

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Youth Quizzed in Burchfield Death

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 4.—(AP)—Robert Peterson was questioned by Tacoma police today in connection with the slaying of Herbert E. Burchfield, 75-year-old Tacoma tavern operator, who was shot during a holdup of his establishments August 26.

Capt. William Farrar of Tacoma police said that the youth was arrested in Portland and that Portland police said he had confessed to robbery of the Vance hotel in which \$110 was obtained by a gunman three hours before the Burchfield slaying. Other holdups, which Farrar said the youth allegedly admitted, were the Hotel Goldman, from which \$85 was taken; the Benjamin Franklin hotel, which lost \$95 to the robber, and the Claremont hotel holdup in which nothing was obtained. All the hotels are in Seattle.

A young woman, whose name was not revealed, but who is under investigation for complicity in the robberies, was arrested with Peterson in Portland and was returned here with him.

New Destruction Rained on Berlin

Great Havoc Admitted by Nazi Agency

Swoop Costs British 22 Bombers; French Drome Afire From U. S. Attack

BERN, Switzerland, Sept. 4.—(AP)—A German frontier dispatch to the Gazette de Lausanne said today that the Nazi government had decided to evacuate Vienna.

The entire population is preparing to quit the city for the southern part of the country, the newspaper said. It expressed a belief that the decision was a result of the allied landings in Italy and pointed out that should Naples fall to the allies, Vienna would be a target within closer range than Berlin from London.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—A great bombardment fleet of Lancasters smashed Berlin last night from a clear sky, casting down 1,000 tons of fire bombs and howling steel in 20 minutes of attack officially described by the British air ministry as "highly concentrated."

A scant 12 hours later allied bombers roared across the channel again to continue round-the-clock assaults on the nazis.

Observers along the English channel reported big explosions from the direction of Calais and Dunkerque.

From a night of far-ranging operations—other British airman rode the skies above the Rhine-land and beat at enemy flying fields in France and sowed mines in enemy waters—the British lost 22 bombers.

The Berlin raid was the third within 11 days but was not on the terrible scale of destructiveness of the two that went immediately before it.

But it struck the city already scarred and smoking from attacks that have already thrown upon it more tons of bombs than fell on London in all the long months of Reichsmarshal Goering's attacks, and thus had a cumulative effect far beyond the weight of explosives let loose.

The loss of British planes announced by the air ministry are less than half those of the two

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Drain Soldiers Killed in Action, Third Wounded

DRAIN, Sept. 4.—Two Drain men were killed and one wounded in war action, according to official notifications received here this week.

Staff Sergeant Clifford Swearingen and Donald Robertson were killed in North African operations, and Ray Levens was reported wounded.

Sergeant Swearingen's death occurred July 11. No details were given. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swearingen. His mother died when he was four years of age and he was reared at Drain in the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gotcher.

The news of the death of Donald Robertson was received Thursday by his sister, Mrs. Cecil Patchen. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Robertson, now residing at Bandon. The family, however, formerly resided at Drain, where Donald attended school. Mrs. Patchen and her sisters, Dorothy and Grace Robertson, went to Bandon to join their parents following the receipt of the communication from the war department.

Roy Levens, wounded in the North African theater, is a son of Mrs. Lizzie Levens and a resident of Drain. No details of his injuries were given.

The engagements in which the Drain men met death and injury were listed as being in the North African area, but are believed to have been during the Sicilian campaign.

Roseburg Man Wins War Medal



Technical Sergeant Leslie Miller, of Roseburg is shown above receiving the air medal for "meritorious achievement in bomber combat missions over occupied Europe." Making the award is Lt. Col. William A. Hatcher, Jr., of Detroit. Miller, aerial engineer on a U. S. Army Eighth air force Flying Fortress, was announced recently "Somewhere in England." His citation was for "courage, coolness and skill" displayed in bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe.

Sgt. Miller, 25 years old, is the son of James Miller of 831 N. Jackson St., Roseburg. Before entering the service he was head of the furniture department of Montgomery Ward and Co.

Political Mess Covers Race for N. Y. Judgeship

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—(AP)—With the nomination by Democrats of Matthew M. Levy for the supreme court bench in the first judicial district, the battle for the post appeared resolved today into a three-cornered fight after a major political crisis in the city.

Levy, who already had been nominated by the American labor party, was given the nod last night at the re-convened judicial convention of the democratic committee. His opponents are the republican-supported George Frankenthaler, a lawyer, and Magistrate Thomas A. Aurelio.

Aurelio was nominated by the democrats and accepted by republicans at their first convention, but each withdrew its support after District Attorney Frank S. Hogan said Aurelio's nomination was influenced by Frank Costello, whom Hogan described as a gambler. Aurelio announced since he would remain in the race.

Frankenthaler was nominated Wednesday at the re-convened convention of the republicans, who repudiated Aurelio.

There has been some question of the legality of the re-convened conventions and an election board ruling is expected. In the event it is ruled that Aurelio's name appear on voting machines under democratic and republican banners, both parties plan to run their new candidates on independent tickets.

Maximum Prices Set For Standing Timber

SEATTLE, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Setting of maximum prices for sales of all standing timber in 12 western states, including both public and privately owned timber, has been announced by Wytze Gorter, district price officer of the OPA.

"The primary purpose is to prevent unwarranted advances in the prices of standing timber which will in turn exert undue pressure on existing log and lumber ceilings," Gorter explained.

"The new regulation does not contemplate any general roll-back of appraisal values of timber from present values."

Medford Soldier Among 9 Dead in Bomber Crash

DALHART, Tex., Sept. 4.—(AP)—Sgt. Lloyd A. McClanahan, Medford, Ore., was listed among nine army air men who died in a crash of a bomber near Taos, N. M., probably Tuesday, the public relations office at the Dalhart army air base announced last night.

Nippon Convoy Shattered in Wewak Raid

Other Allied Blows Hit Foe's Ships in Various South Pacific Regions

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Blasting apart a seven-ship supply convoy at Wewak, New Guinea, allied bombers have added 27,000 tons of merchant shipping to the 2,500,000 tons which Navy Secretary Knox yesterday said, in Washington, the Japanese have lost to planes and submarines since the war opened.

Detailing one of the most staggering blows ever dealt sea cargo tonnage from the air in such a short period, today's communiqué from Gen. MacArthur also reported damage of 20,500 additional tons in far-ranging operations.

Three freighter transports, each of 7,000 tons, were sent to the bottom of Wewak's harbor Thursday morning by mast-skimming Mitchell bombers which braved a balloon barrage, anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighter planes to drop 1,000 pound bombs.

An enemy destroyer was left in flames, and the stern was blown off a 1,000-ton cargo ship. That left only one cargo ship and a destroyer unreported as hit in the furious assault.

Four hundred miles west of Darwin, Australia, a 7,000-ton enemy cargo ship was damaged in a raid by allied bombers on the harbor of Waingapoe, Soemba island.

Another 7,000-ton supply ship was damaged off Cape St. George.

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Labor Day Holiday to Be Observed in Roseburg

Monday, Labor day, will be observed as a general holiday in Roseburg with the closing of all public offices and nearly all places of business. There will be no issue of the News-Review Monday. Radio Station KRNR will carry all important news of the day. Holiday service also will be provided at the post office, where mails will be collected and dispatched as usual, but only locked boxes will be served by carrier delivery of mail and no service on rural routes. However, all four star routes will receive mail deliveries.

Price Boost Granted On Red Cedar Shingles

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Mills have been authorized by the OPA to add 10 per cent to the ceiling price of red cedar shingles sold direct to consumers. The order does not apply to shingles sold by mills to retailers or distributors for resale.

Third War Loan Campaign Plans Receive Enthusiastic Start at Roseburg Meeting

Organization of Douglas county's Third War Loan campaign was started at an enthusiastic meeting held last night at the circuit court room of the courthouse in Roseburg.

Both speakers expressed commendation for the Roseburg Victory council, an organization of business and professional men sponsoring war-aid advertising, and were particularly pleased by the "Back Your Boy With Bonds" campaign to which the Victory council's advertising support is to be given. They reported their intention of proposing the Douglas county committee's program to other counties of the state, as they attend similar meetings elsewhere.

Mr. Davis outlined the plan of the Federal Reserve bank to provide more rapid accounting for bond sales than in the past in order that counties may know promptly where they stand with respect to their quotas.

Mr. Berg, county vice-chairman and head of the payroll deduction department, called attention to the handicap to bond sales resulting from the withholding tax.

"People are failing to realize that the tax rate has not been materially increased," he declared. "When the end of the year rolls around, they will find that their income tax has been paid

Red Tide Goes Forward On South Front

Clean Sweep of Nazis in Donets Basin Impends; 400 Villages Retaken

LONDON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Russian armies, gaining momentum in their summer offensive, were rocking the Germans back on their heels all along a 600-mile front today to threaten three of the nazis' most important remaining positions east of the Dnieper river.

A broadcast from Moscow announced that the red army had recaptured 400 villages which have been in German hands since the early days of the Russian campaign in fall of 1941. Russian troops were reported closing in on Stalino, German headquarters for the Donets area in the south; Konotop, vital junction point of the Bryansk-Kiev railway; and Smolensk, hinge of the north-central area and jumping-off point for the Germans' unsuccessful drive on Moscow.

A fourth offensive aimed at Bryansk apparently had slowed down but had not been stopped, and only in the Kharkov area did the Russians admit that stubborn German resistance in the shape of frequent counter attacks had halted the red army without appreciable gains.

A German communique asserted that "strong" Russian attacks in the southern and central sectors of the front yesterday were repulsed "after desperate fighting." The Nazi war bulletin, broadcast by Berlin, said the Germans destroyed 160 Russian tanks in yesterday's fighting.

Stalino Being Encircled

The Russian drive reached its height in the Donets area, where the red army advanced nine to 12 miles on the approaches to Stalino, twelfth largest city in Russia and headquarters for Hitler's southern forces. The city fell to the Nazi invaders Oct. 21, 1941, and has been developed in

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Beavers Halt War Plants, Electricity at Homes

ST. HELENS, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—Dam-building beavers in the woods seven miles north of here stopped production at several war plants in this area and left thousands of homes without electricity this week.

Linemen, after a long trek, found the animals had toppled a nine-inch tree on a 60,000-volt high line.

Marine League Raps Liquor Restrictions

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The Marine Corps League of America adopted at its annual convention today a resolution condemning wartime liquor restrictions as an entering wedge for return of prohibition.

The resolution denounced what it called "the present practice of government bureaus, whereby they have issued orders or directives limiting or prohibiting sales of liquor, as being a subtle move to bring back the evils of the bootleg and prohibition era."

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Car Guard Paroled From Prison Sentence

PORTLAND, Sept. 4.—(AP)—John E. Maycock, armored car guard who admitted abstracting \$12,000 of dimes from Portland Traction company's fare boxes, today was under parole to the state parole and probation board.

Attorney for Maycock testified that he had already returned approximately \$10,000 of the embezzled funds. Circuit Judge Tozoe sentenced him yesterday to five years, with an immediate parole.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Dressed turkey price ceilings were hiked today by OPA to insure army procurement of 10,000,000 pounds for army holiday dinner's abroad.

The army authorized by OPA to pay up to a maximum of 8 1/2 cents per pound over the established live bird ceiling price for dressed turkeys.

Native Troops Surrender in Doves, Civilians Welcome Invaders in Happy Manner

(By the Associated Press)

General Eisenhower's headquarters announced today that a second wave of allied troops had swept across the strait of Messina, reinforcing the British 8th army's original landings, and reported "good progress" in the day-old invasion of southern Italy.

At least three cities on the toe of the Italian boot—Reggio Calabria, San Giovanni and Melito—were reported to have been captured.

"The advance is continuing," an allied war bulletin said. Allied headquarters announced that Gen. Montgomery's 8th army veterans had clamped a firm hold on a 10-mile bridgehead between Reggio and Calabria and San Giovanni and were now plunging inland.

Eye-witness accounts said the Italian troops were surrendering in droves, as in Sicily, and even rowed across the straits in small boats to surrender before the invasion began. Italian civilians greeted British-Canadian forces with hand-waves and smiles.

A German communique said without confirmation that allied attempts to land behind advanced axis lines had been defeated.

At least one airfield, south of Reggio Calabria, had already fallen to the swift-moving invaders. Italy's high command said British and Canadian troops, attacking with naval support and "overwhelming superiority in the air," had succeeded in establishing several bridgeheads on the extreme southern tip of the Calabrian peninsula, which lies across the two-mile-wide strait of Messina from conquered Sicily.

An Algiers broadcast said there was still no sign of the long-hidden Italian fleet venturing forth to battle.

Nazis Use Old Tactics

The lone mention of German troops in action came in a Berlin report that British tanks were engaging German armor north of Reggio Calabria, and this suggested that once again the nazis were leaving the hapless Italians to bear the brunt of rearguard protection—as they did in Egypt, Libya, Tripolitania, Tunisia and Sicily.

While Italian headquarters spoke of embittered fighting, Gen. Eisenhower's command said 8th army spearheads met "relatively weak oppositions." Italian and Canadian troops sent back word they had secured the beaches within two and one-half hours after the initial landings.

The communique added that demolitions by the retreating enemy were largely ineffective.

Still no word was forthcoming on Lieut. Gen. Patton's American 7th army, but German garrisons were reported keeping nervous vigil along the Mediterranean shores of southern France for a possible thrust in that direction.

The grand offensive rolled deeper into Italian soil with armadas of allied planes blasting enemy positions over the toe and

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Increased Sale of Milk Faces Ban

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Fearful the butter shortage may reach the danger point the government is setting up machinery to hold milk sales at their current levels, without point rationing.

The new restrictions on milk—the only major dairy product not now under distribution control—were promised by the War Food administration last night with this warning:

"Should fluid milk consumption expand still further, production of cheese, butter, evaporated milk and other dairy foods would decline below the amounts necessary to meet essential civilian requirements."

A formal order limiting milk dealers to their current allotments was reported in process of preparation.

The plan, the WFA made clear, "does not involve point rationing," and does not contemplate "curtailment of milk consumption below recent levels."

The number of dairy cows on farms has increased but production per cow is lower than last year.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The allied ode to Joe Stalin (with apologies to the composer of "Old Black Joe"): We're coming, we're coming, though our pace is rather slow; We hear your gentle voice a-calling "Comeski quickovich to Old Red Joe."

Dressed Turkey Price Ceilings Upped by OPA

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