

RED SMASHES PUT NAZIS NEARER COLLAPSE

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Butchery of Italians, Fire Mark German Retreat

Mines Set to Slow Advance Of 5th Army

British Also Score New Gains, Slugging Down Increased Opposition

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Threatened on their left flank by a swift American drive that cut forward five miles, the Germans fell back today from the Voltorno valley to a fresh mountain line, it was announced, leaving behind them one of the war's worst scenes of destruction.

The Germans retreating to establish a strong new mountain line anchored on the high Massico ridge and the town of Mondragone, six miles north of the Voltorno river mouth, and extending 27 miles northeast of Venafro.

Official dispatches from Fifth army headquarters said the nazis were burning houses, shooting civilians, destroying livestock, tearing up railroads, dynamiting roads and firing haystacks to provide smokescreens to cover their retreat.

The devastation of the countryside and wiping out of civilians as well as their farms was the most complete yet encountered as the German fury towards the Italians reached a new peak.

Nazi Path Mine-Strewn
The new enemy line is made up of a series of high, difficult ridges intersected by deep valleys through which pass the main highways from Naples to Rome.

Driving forward five miles north and northeast of Capua, the Americans eliminated the

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE isn't much NEW war news as this is written. On all the fronts the fighting (which is bitter and bloody enough) is to FINISH something already started.

THE Germans, knowing they can't hold central Italy, are fighting hard to gain time to organize defenses in northern Italy, where they HOPE to hold.

(We're across the Voltorno and heading for Rome. There'll be much hard fighting before we get there.)

THE Russians are driving westward from Melitopol (see map), hoping to cut off the estimated 100,000 Germans in the Crimean peninsula (again see map). There are reports that they are moving on the Crimea from the Caucasus across the Kerch strait (continue to consult your map).

ONE of the German propaganda big shots gives out that if the Germans are driven from their positions in Russia, they'll make a shambles of Bohemia and Moravia (Czechoslovakia).

He means they'll fight on Bohemian and Moravian soil, INSTEAD OF GERMAN SOIL. As they're doing in Italy.

PRAVDA (one of Russia's OFFICIAL newspapers) again makes it plain that BEATING GERMANY must be the topic of the pending Russian-British-American conferences. AFTER THE WAR, Pravda says, will be time enough to talk about after-the-war political problems.

LORD SELBOURNE, BRITISH minister of economic warfare, says that four million German troops have been killed in the war, of whom 3,600,000 (90%) have been KILLED BY THE RUSSIANS.

THAT'S something for the diplomats to put in their pipes and smoke. Those figures CAN'T

High Honor Given Roseburg Mason



Word has been received that E. LeRoy Hiatt, above, head of the science department of Roseburg high school, has been designated by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry to receive the honorary rank and title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

This rank is a dignity conferred upon outstanding 32 degree Masons for long and meritorious services in the interests of matters Masonic and is but rarely conferred. Mr. Hiatt is only the third man in Douglas county ever to receive this dignity. This dignity, like the 33 degree, cannot be petitioned for, but is conferred when in the judgment of the Supreme Council at Washington, D. C., the recipient has fully merited it by outstanding fine work. Mr. Hiatt, who is past master of Laurel lodge of Roseburg and the present venerable master of Roseburg Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, is being heartily congratulated by his many Masonic friends upon the singular honor which has just been conferred upon him.

Oil Company to Explore Acreage East of Oakland

The Phillips Petroleum company of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, has secured leases on approximately 20,000 acres of land located six miles east of Oakland, preparatory to anticipated exploration for oil. It was announced today by O. C. Witcomb, special representative of the company, left Tuesday for Oklahoma after spending several weeks here and in Coos county securing leases and transacting other business preparatory to extensive drilling planned in Southern Oregon to locate possible oil deposits, it was stated.

The property secured by the petroleum company includes the greater part of English settlement and was selected for exploration following many months of study by geologists.

The Phillips company also has completed arrangements for drilling operations in Coos county, where an agreement has been reached with the Coast Petroleum company to continue operations originally started by John Exwell and associates of Roseburg.

Shirley Temple's New Contract Given Okay

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Superior court has approved Shirley Temple's contract to appear in one picture annually for the next seven years. She will receive \$25,000 for the first film. Sixty per cent of the child actress' salary will go to taxes, said Judge Joseph W. Vickers, and of the remainder 60 per cent will go to her parents for her support and 40 per cent to a trust fund.

Aluminum Plant Barrier Arouses Ellsworth Query

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Rep. Harris Ellsworth of Oregon has asked the War Production board for a fuller explanation of its rejection of an aluminum-from-clay plant in the Pacific northwest.

The board announced that the government has sufficient aluminum, but Ellsworth, in a letter to Vice Chairman Charles E. Wilson, said he did not believe that was the reason for dropping the program.

"You must have other ample and compelling reasons for your decision which were not made clear to me," said Ellsworth, who was a member of the northwest delegation which heard Wilson reject the plan.

Ellsworth's letter reviewed the explanation that a two years supply of aluminum-producing bauxite remained in Arkansas and that ore shipped from South America gave the nation a three years' supply.

"Apparently you and members of the board responsible for the decision refusing the present development of alumina from clay have assumed either that the war will be ended well within three years or that there will be no further submarine menace in the Caribbean and we shall never again be in anyway prevented from shipping bauxite from South America," Ellsworth said. "I cannot believe that you or your able associates would make even a minor decision based upon any such set of assumptions," he added.

Quiz Barrage Hits Willkie In Washington

GOP "Candidate" Has Hectic Session With Freshmen Congressmen

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie will speak in the politically important states of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts within the next few weeks, but is not expected by his friends to formally enter the race for the republican presidential nomination until sometime after the first of the year.

This much became known last night after the 1940 GOP standard bearer addressed an informal off-the-record meeting of freshmen republican congressmen and then submitted to more than an hour's questioning on international, domestic and political affairs that gave him the appearance later of having just emerged from a wrestling match.

"You look as if you had been pulled through a wringer," a reporter told Willkie, noting his awry tie and touselled hair. "Oh no," he replied, smiling. "I had one of the best times I've ever had in my life."

Addresses Slated
Willkie, who left not the slightest doubt in the minds of those who heard him that he again will seek the presidential nomination, will speak tomorrow night in Syracuse, N. Y., at a rally for Joe R. Hanley, republican candidate for lieutenant governor in next months election. He also will speak soon in New Jersey for Walter Edge, republican candidate for governor, and in Boston early next month in a war chest drive.

For a man who is regarded by almost all republicans in Wash-

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New Deal Scored By GOP Chief

MISSOULA, Mont., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Republican party leaders from 11 states concluded a pre-campaign conference on an anti-New Deal note sounded by Chairman Spangler of the party's national committee.

He charged last night that the New Deal has replaced a "government of laws" with a "government of arbitrary orders, executive decrees and confusing directives, and that the nation was being forced "into a period of waste, extravagance and defilements."

Republicans from Colorado, Idaho, North and South Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and Montana heard Spangler's talk.

The party chieftain from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, told of "reading daily of quarrelling among high government officials, contradicting and confusing policies, waste and incompetence."

Another pre-campaign meeting will be conducted in Salt Lake City Dec. 10 and 11, Fred E. Baker of Seattle, National committee man from Washington, said.

B. of R. T. Head Rejects 4-Cent an Hour Boost

CLEVELAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen said today he would not recommend acceptance of a four-cent hourly pay increase approved last month by the president's emergency board for railroad operating employees.

Whitney made his announcement as he prepared to attend a meeting of brotherhood general chairmen in Chicago Friday and as railroad workers indicated a nation-wide strike vote might be taken.

New Industry Here to Help Construction

Rowe & Bell to Supply Various Projects With Ready-Mixed Concrete

Ground was being broken in Roseburg today for a new industry, which it was reported will be in operation within a few weeks. Cecil H. Lowe, Redmond, Ore., and Buckley L. Bell, Klamath Falls, brothers-in-law, who have been engaged in large-scale grading and surfacing contracting throughout the state, are erecting headquarters here and are installing a ready-mix concrete service.

Property located directly across Second avenue, South, from the Roseburg Lumber company mill has been purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Roselund, and construction is being started on an office building, three-bunker batching plant, machine shop, concrete shed and equipment garage.

A ready-mix truck has been secured, it was announced, and arrangements have been made whereby other trucks and necessary equipment can be quickly obtained to handle all types of concrete work. The trucks are equipped with a portable mixer. Ingredients of sand, gravel, concrete and water are placed in the mixer at the plant and are mixed by auxiliary motor while the equipment is en route to the

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Ben Bernie of Screen And Radio Fame Dies

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Ben Bernie, 52, the maestro of the stage, screen and radio, died at his apartment today after a long illness from a pulmonary affection with cardiac complications.

At his bedside were his wife, his son, Private Jason Bernie of the U. S. army and his brother-manager, Herman Bernie.

Oregon Brevities Flashed From Wire

Postal Thief Sought
PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—An escapee of the Klamath Falls jail was sought by state police today.

They said he was James Uram, 36, wanted in connection with the theft of 20,000 money-order blanks from Tulelake, Calif.

"Fake" Hero Jailed
PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—John E. Davis, 22, who Detective Clyde E. Sanders said had been posing as a pilot of the Flying Fortress "Memphis Belle," was jailed yesterday on charges of impersonating an army officer, of being a deserter from Salt Lake City and of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Sanders said Davis had been spotted by various Portland residents in recent weeks and had cashed checks on a local bank in which he had no account.

Ration Points Overdrawn
PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—A number of Portland restaurants have overdrawn their ration banking accounts on red points for the period ending Oct. 15, the district OPA said today.

Points were advanced from the November-December period, officials said, and the restaurants will be required to make them last throughout the period.

Whiskey Cargo Grabbed
PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Scotch Whiskey valued at \$3,000, found in two automobiles parked on a downtown street, was seized by agents of the state liquor commission yesterday.

The agents, acting on a tip from an undisclosed source, arrested the drivers. They were booked as Clifford Judd, who was registered at a Portland hotel, and William R. McPherson, Tulelake, Calif. Bail was set at \$500 each.

The whiskey probably would

Registration for Ration Book 4 in Schools Slated

Registration for Ration Book No. 4 will be conducted in all Douglas county school districts in which schools are operating from October 26 to 29, inclusive, Mrs. Lulu C. Gorrell, county school superintendent, reported today. People living in districts from which children are transported or in which no school is maintained, may register, she states, where it is most convenient.

Hours for registration will be 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. daily except Wednesday, October 27, when there will be an evening period from 7 to 9 o'clock. School programs will be continued as usual, Mrs. Gorrell states.

The same procedure and schedule will be maintained in the Roseburg schools, where registration will be handled at each elementary building and the junior high school. No applicants will be handled during the noon hour, however. High school seniors will act as clerks.

A head administrator has been named for each community, Mrs. Gorrell states, and a meeting has been called for 1:30 p. m. Saturday, October 23, at the circuit court room of the courthouse in Roseburg to work out details and distribute materials.

U. S. Prisons Treble Goal in War Bond Buys

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—The War Production board thanked Governor Snell today for the "outstanding" contribution by Oregon convicts to the Third War Loan drive.

Prisoners at the Oregon penitentiary invested \$7,200 in the drive.

Prisons throughout the country invested \$950,000, enough to build three heavy bombers. Names of the bombers will be submitted by prisoners, and convicts who win the naming contest each will receive a \$100 war bond.

The goal in prisons had been \$300,000, enough to build a single bomber.

County Merger Urged

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Merging of Clackamas county with Multnomah county was proposed today by Andrew J. McCann, Portland attorney.

Administrative costs could be cut through the merger, said McCann, who initiated petitions last week to bring north shore residents along Lake Oswego into Multnomah county.

Polio Affects Schools
EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—The infantile paralysis scare has caused many parents to keep their children out of school.

Attendance at the Edison elementary school was only about half of normal yesterday. Parents who kept their children home criticized health authorities for not closing schools and other public gathering places in view of the increase of paralysis victims.

Crash Kills Ballplayer

OREGON CITY, Oct. 20.—(AP)—John R. Roberts, 34, semi-pro baseball player of Oregon City, was killed in an automobile collision yesterday near Mulino.

His car was demolished by a truck driven by Robert W. Sieler, Portland, who told Coroner R. Rillance the truck went out of control on a hill because of slippery pavement. Sieler was slightly injured.

Wee Dog Sheep Killer

OREGON CITY, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Farmers of the Rowland district went gunning for a night marauder which had killed a dozen head of sheep and injured others.

They expected the sheep-killer to be a large dog. When they shot the raider it turned out to be a wee Scottie.

Yanks Bag 60 Jap Planes at Rabaul Base

Nippons Also Lose Two More Warships; Foe's Troops Take Offensive

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Mitchell bombers, flying so low that pursuing Zeros inadvertently dipped wings in the sea and crashed, have destroyed 60 more planes and sunk two more warships at the Japanese key base of Rabaul.

This second air pounding within a week of the New Britain fortress to which the enemy's New Guinea and Solomons defenses are hinged was announced today by headquarters. But a spokesman also disclosed that Japanese troops have gone over to the offensive against the Australians in the Finschhafen, New Guinea, area where General MacArthur's forces stand nearest New Britain.

The attack Monday on Rabaul heaped new destruction on the 177 enemy planes demolished or damaged and the three warships sunk in the 350-ton bombing assault of Oct. 12.

Monday's raid was the major part of an aerial scorching of New Britain. In addition to blasting Rabaul, on the northeast tip of the island, allied bombers also struck the Cape Hoskins airdrome midway along the north coast and the Cape Gloucester

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Another Raid On Germany Launched By U. S. Airmen

LONDON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—United States bombers, supported by Thunderbolts and Spitfires, attacked targets in western Germany today.

It was the seventh major operation of the month for the American bombers but their first since the destructive smash at Germany's big bearing plant at Schweinfurt Oct. 14.

The fact that both Thunderbolts and Spitfires accompanied the big bombers suggested a heavy precision assault on some German war production target. In recent weeks most of the raids have been supported by Thunderbolts alone.

The newest attack on Germany followed by only two days a declaration by Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of U. S. army air forces, that the Americans were prepared to lose as much as 25 per cent of a flight if an important objective could be destroyed.

It also gave additional evidence that the U. S. Eighth air force is undeterred by the record loss of 60 bombers in the Schweinfurt raid, which resulted in a heavy blow to German ball-bearing production.

A small force of German air raiders dropped bombs at widely separated places in eastern England last night, touched off the fourth successive night alert in London and caused some casualties.

Four persons were killed by a bomb which dropped in one suburb of the capital and 12 others were buried by falling debris, but they were rescued alive.

New Lend-Lease Pact Eases Moscow Parley

MOSCOW, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Apparently satisfied with the results of their first formal talk last night, U. S. Secretary of State Hull, British Foreign Secretary Eden and Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov settled down today to a program of daily conferences on wartime and post-war matters.

Meanwhile, the signing of the third lend-lease protocol, which will bring another year's flow of American, British and Canadian supplies to Russia, was taken here to indicate that closer cooperation between the nations is assured.

Toll of Slain, Take of Booty Heavily Upped

Gravity of Situation Is Reflected in Gloom at Conference in Berlin

MOSCOW, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The whole German position inside the Dnieper river elbow was threatened today as harassed nazis commanders hurled fresh divisions of men, tanks and artillery into the fight in an attempt to halt the red army's flanking drive to the west of the river.

The Russians' major breakthrough southeast of Kremenchug has swept into 130 settlements and the railway junction of Pyatikhatka to outflank Dneprodzerzhinsk, 40 miles to the east, and Dnepropetrovsk, 70 miles to the east.

Pyatikhatka is at the junction of the main railway between Znamenka and Dnepropetrovsk and one running south to Krivoi Rog. Its capture leaves the Germans but one line, through Krivoi Rog, to evacuate the whole Dnieper bend.

Nazis in Bad Situation
This most recent soviet advance actually has carried the red army to a geographical position west of the Crimea. The German army southward of the Zaporozhie-Melitopol line is in a precarious position.

Hitler's commanders have not got themselves into such a serious tactical situation since they were outsmarted and cut off in Stalingrad.

Red Star said the Germans were counterattacking violently in the Dnieper elbow. A Pravda dispatch said a considerable number of German bombers had been shifted here from the deep rear and western Europe. All indications are the nazis want to stand and fight.

A second sore spot for the Germans on the long Russian front today was north of Kiev where in the face of furious counterattacks the red army is bearing down upon Kiev, capturing Vyshgorod, six miles away.

Four Divisions Routed
Four crack divisions were routed by the tank-supported Russian attack, which rolled westward for from nine to 12 miles yesterday said a broadcast Moscow communique announcing the fall of Pyatikhatka.

More than 1,800 nazis officers and men were reported captured, and at the end of the day's fighting the German garrison at Dnepropetrovsk was left with but the single railroad line running southwest to Nikolaev on the Black sea, severance of which would isolate the large nazis forces crowded in the pocket of the big Dnieper river bend.

Huge amounts of booty abandoned by the Germans at Pyatikhatka, which lies astride the main rail line between Znamenka and Dnepropetrovsk, said the soviet war bulletin. Fifteen fully-loaded railway trains, 30 tanks, 172 guns and 1,500 motor trucks were included in the day's bag, the Russians said.

Further red army progress was reported north and south of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev. Here soviet troops "completed the annihilation of remnants" of motor-

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Service Dependency Allotments Increased

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The senate yesterday accepted by voice vote and sent to the White House a bill to increase dependency allotments for the families of enlisted men in the armed forces.

The bill increases to \$80 per month the dependency allowance for the wife and child of a service man and provided \$20 per month for each additional child.

Draft Deferment Rules To Be Explained Here

Captain L. D. Berlin, U. S. marine corps, assigned to the state selective service department, will conduct a meeting at the courthouse in Roseburg tonight to explain draft deferment regulations in connection with essential industry. Attendance of all employers of loggers and sawmill workers is particularly urged.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Rabenstein

Three letters make a whole of a difference to Russia in the present tri-partite huddle. She wants to talk "front" but not "frontier." And, while she wants us to play ball in Europe, she won't give us bees in Siberia.