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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AN OFFICIAL Russian communiqué says: "Russian forces have STORMED ACROSS THE PRUT and are engaging the defenders of Czernowitz in hand-to-hand combat."

Well, the reds are now fighting OUTSIDE pre-war Russia. That seems to spike the idea that their plan is to fight right up to the former borders of Russia and then quit.

THE Germans announce the "evacuation" of Czernowitz. They add that their troops have "disengaged themselves" from the lower Ukraine Bug (there are two Bug rivers, you know) on the approaches to Odessa.

The German propagandists here follow the technique of the employee who sees it coming and says to his boss: "You can't fire me. I QUIT!"

HERE, in a nutshell, is what has happened:

The Russians, weeks ago, cut the great Odessa-to-Berlin double-tracked railroad. They have now (at Czernowitz and at Kolomyia, to the north) cut the important Lvov-Bucharest branch of the same line. That means that the German battle for Rumania (including the Ploesti oil fields) will have to be supplied by the railroads running south of the Carpathians, principally through Hungary. AND the Danube river, which is one of Europe's great transportation arteries.

Careful study of your map will make this situation quite plain.

AT this point, recall Tito and his Partisans, who have been annoying the Germans in central Yugoslavia and hanging on somehow in spite of all Hitler can do about it. Your map will disclose to you that Tito is in a very good position to mess up Germany's now ALL-IMPORTANT communications in the Danube valley.

THE Germans also report that the Russians are hitting hard, with at least 175,000 men, from Vitebsk TOWARD THE BALTIC.

This report will bear watching. The Germans often report important Russian offensives before the Russians themselves have anything to say about them.

If the Russians should now be uncorking a big drive toward the Baltic there would be no question as to its importance.

WE hear that the Finns are angling again for Russian peace terms. The fact that their

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Flood Damage In Southland Heavy

(By the Associated Press)

Two Mississippi state guard troops were standing by today to be ready to move into any threatened area in Mississippi for evacuation work in combating high flood waters which have already taken nine lives in the south during the past week.

Army planes have directed rescuers to lowland spots where rural residents have been stranded. Estimated flood damage has already run into the millions and approximately 1,000 rural residents have had to leave their homes.

Rivers were reported falling in Georgia bottomlands, after more than \$2,000,000 damage had been caused to highways and serious damage to farm lands.

In west Alabama, rivers were receding in upper regions but continued to swarm over banks in the Black belt of Richland near Mississippi.

Roads were blocked Friday in northeast and central Mississippi from overflowing rivers and creeks.

Information Padlock Placed On British Isles as Date of West Invasion Approaches

Restricted Strip Marked On Coast Area

Daily Bombing Dealt to Germany; Swiss Region Struck by Mistake

LONDON, April 1.—(AP)—The approach of the western invasion D-Day finds the British Isles locked up tighter than a pair of button shoes—both inside and out—to prevent the leakage of information to the enemy.

The most drastic of a series of security steps became effective today. Visitors were excluded from a restricted area 10 miles deep and more than 700 miles long on the southern and eastern coast of England facing the Nazi-occupied continent.

This was just one of recent controls clamped on by the United States and Britain to guard against any breakdown in launching the western front invasion, but it was emphasized that the measures do not indicate that the attack is imminent.

Travel between England and Ireland was suspended some time ago and rumors persist that the ban would be extended to halt trips between Northern Ireland and neutral Eire.

Convoy News Sealed
United States authorities have imposed a 100 per cent censorship on the news of convoy arrivals in the European theater of operations. Inside England they are discouraging excessively long furloughs. Some commanders keep troops within 20 miles of base and for both travel and billeting reasons soldiers are urged to spend their time somewhere else than London.

Train cancellations in Britain for some time were announced 24 to 48 hours in advance but this practice now has been discontinued.

R. H. S. Debaters Reach Title Finals

The Roseburg high school debate team has advanced to the finals and will compete tonight with Beaverton for the state championship. The team, composed of Ruth Collett, Ann Carter, Harold Marr and Elliott Mot-schenbacher, coached by Miss Amanda Anderson, has been participating in the state tournament at the University of Oregon, Eugene.

The final round will be broadcast from the radio station KOAC, Corvallis, tonight, starting at 8:15 o'clock. Motschenbacher and Marr, the affirmative team, will be the Roseburg speakers.

In other phases of the contest, Harold Marr was a winner in extemporaneous speaking; Ruth Collett, radio speaking, and Ann Carter, poetry.

Fine, Jail Meted To Drunken Driver

Pleading guilty to a charge of drunken driving, Marshall J. Corbin was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail upon appearance today in the Roseburg justice court. Judge Thomas Hart-fiel reported. An additional fine of \$10 was imposed for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Corbin was continued in custody in lieu of payment of the fine. The jail sentence will be suspended, the court ordered, if the fine is paid.

Fines of \$25 each were paid by Phillip E. Johnson and Margaret Cocoran, who pleaded guilty to being drunk on a public highway, the judge reported. Other fines reported paid included Theodore R. Mayfield, \$10, failure to dim headlights, and Jack Later, \$10, overwidth load.

Luck, Stork Favor Lieut. Crisler



It happened all in one day. While Lieut. Robert W. Crisler, 24, formerly of Roseburg, later of Richmond, Calif., was bailing out of his badly damaged Flying Fortress, "Who Dat," over England after returning from a bombing mission, his wife, Lorene Crisler, 23, pictured at the top, gave birth to his son, weight 9 pounds 8 ounces, Colin Dell Crisler. Mother and child are doing well in a San Francisco hospital, and so is the father—he landed in a garden in England.

Peak in Cassino Region Captured In Allied Thrust

NAPLES, April 1.—(AP)—Allied troops have made a sudden thrust in the ruggedly mountainous and long-stated central sector of the Italian front, advancing a mile and occupying Mt. Marone, a mile-high peak about 13 miles northeast of Cassino, headquarters announced today.

In Cassino, meanwhile, allied heavy guns again shelled the monastery overlooking the devastated town and observers saw the walls collapsing around the German positions. Two German raiding parties—each about 40 strong—were beaten back from the vicinity of the Cassino railway station.

Two American destroyers hammered the German positions near Carroceto on the Anzio beach-head and allied infantry repelled a small but sharp attack on their left flank.

Artillery exchanges and patrol clashes marked the snowbound Eighth army front. Small enemy parties were dispersed.

The systematic air bomber campaign to smash German communications continued with attacks against bridges along the east coast of Italy.

Two allied planes were lost.

Bone Named to Succeed Haney on Federal Bench

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Senator Homer T. Bone, Washington state democrat, was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be a judge on the Ninth Federal circuit court of appeals to succeed the late Judge Bert E. Haney.

He is the second Washington senator named by the president in recent years to the federal bench, the other being Senator Schwellenbach, also a democrat.

Leave Name Off Ballot in Oregon, Appeal of Dewey

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—Final decision on whether local supporters of Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York will heed his telephoned and telegraphed plea to them to leave his name off the Oregon republican primary presidential ballot has not been reached.

Frank S. Senn, chairman of a volunteer Dewey-for-President group, said Portland supporters are convinced he will accept the presidential nomination if "drafted" at Chicago and "a lot of people want to file his name."

Under the Oregon primary law a candidate's consent is not needed to allow filing of his name by a petition of 1,000 registered voters of his party. Unless the Dewey petition is filed by 5 p. m. Tuesday, the only republican presidential candidate on the ballot for the May primary will be Wendell Willkie, and Oregon's 15 delegates to the national convention will be pledged to him.

Senn said Dewey reiterated by telephone and telegraph that he is not a candidate and that a Dewey-Willkie ballot fight in Oregon would only create disunity within the party.

Dewey protested filing his name more than a month ago. At that time the volunteer group declared they would go ahead, anyway.

Brossard Reappointed To Tariff Commission

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today reappointed Edgar B. Brossard of Utah for reappointment to the tariff commission.

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, veterans administrator and recently appointed director of demobilization and training, was nominated to that rank in the regular army. He has been on the inactive list in the reserves for many years.

Prison Camp Searched For Stolen Guns

Nazis at Trinidad Yield Knives, Liquor; Officer Placed Under Arrest

TRINIDAD, Colo., April 1.—(AP)—Three missing weapons—two revolvers and an army carbine—were sought today by military authorities at the German prisoner of war camp near Trinidad, where prisoners were found to have cached crudely fashioned knives and home-made liquor.

Lt. Col. Lambert B. Cain, camp commander, disclosed yesterday that a search for the weapons, missing from an escort guard's quarters since last week, incited prisoners to stage what he termed as a "sit-down strike" in protest against the search of the prisoners' compound.

The strike began Saturday and ended without violence, Col. Cain said, when he ordered that their food be withheld.

During the search, the camp commander disclosed, a quantity of home-made "wine" made from fermented raisins and other fruits, and knives worked out from old razor blades and pieces of wood, were found.

"Those guns still being missing is a bad thing," Col. Cain asserted, saying "it was criminal carelessness on the part of someone." Officers, theorizing that the guns might have been stolen for resale, checked Trinidad gun stores and second-hand shops without result, said Cain.

Officer Under Arrest
Colonel Cain said this morning that an officer, whom he declined to name, was under arrest and facing charges, the nature of which he refused to divulge. He said the three missing guns had been stolen from this unidentified officer, but that the charges against that individual involved an entirely different case and one unrelated to the missing guns.

Making the investigation thorough, the commander reported that prisoners' radios had been examined at a Trinidad warehouse for possible short wave attachments, of which none were found.

Colonel Cain did not appear overconcerned because of the prisoners' attempt to make liquor, explaining that "it's something they'll always try to do if they can get away with it." He added: "It's probable that American soldiers interned by Germany would try to do the same thing."

Discovery of an escape tunnel at the camp last October led to

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Proposed School Fund Boost Up to Voters of Oregon

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—Oregon voters at the November general election will pass on a constitutional amendment that would increase state support of public schools approximately \$5,000,000 a year.

As approved by the representative council of the Oregon State Teachers association yesterday, the proposed amendment would make it mandatory for the legislature to provide an annual fund for the support of public elementary and secondary schools of not less than 45 cents per child per day of attendance for the preceding year.

This would be in addition to the present common school fund. Based on last year's attendance figures, the provision would yield \$12,722,976, or \$5,359,837 more than the state now contributes.

The teachers' measure also would provide that \$8,000,000 of the state's contribution would have to be used to offset local school district property tax levies. This would reduce new funds for school purposes to \$2,359,837 on the basis of last year's attendance.

The measure would absorb the present \$5,000,000 fund and double it. Source of the revenue would be left to the legislature.

State Senator C. A. McKenna spoke against the proposed constitutional amendment and urged the teachers to back a sales tax measure instead.

Japs Within 12 Miles Of Imphal Base

Heavy Fighting in India Areas Continues; Truk Still Being Battered

NEW DELHI, April 1.—(AP)—Strong Japanese forces drove further westward in India toward the British base of Imphal on the plains of Manipur, an allied communique acknowledged today. Dispatches from the front said that enemy patrols had stabbed to within a dozen miles of the jungle communications center.

The Japanese advance was reported from the Ukhrul area, 32 miles northeast of Imphal, while British Indian troops were engaged in fierce combat with another strong Japanese column in the hills east of Kohima, 60 miles north of Imphal.

Japanese losses were heavy, the communique said, especially in the battle near Ukhrul.

Southwest of Imphal, Japanese troops ambushed a small British detachment on the Palel-Tamu road Thursday night, but allied artillery went into action yesterday to blast a road block the enemy had thrown across the road midway between the two towns.

Little activity was reported in the direction of Tiddim, British forward base 100 miles below Imphal in Burma. The capture of Tiddim by the Japanese was disclosed yesterday.

Japs Claim Further Success

(The Japanese controlled Singapore radio asserted last night that the Japanese had captured the Masha road junction between Imphal and Kohima, "virtually isolating" the British Indian fourth army, which now "faces imminent destruction." There was no confirmation of this report in the allied communique.

Vanguards of the American-trained Chinese forces in northern Burma continued their drive south from Shaduzur in the Mo-gang valley where they are gradually encircling a force of 1,000 Japanese near Laban.

Native Burmese, who have been pushing other Japanese forces southward along the Sumprabum-Mytikyna road below the Daru river, have advanced to a point 50 miles north of Kyitkyina, headquarters said.

Allies Control Air

With not a single Japanese plane rising to challenge allied air supremacy since last Tuesday, the allies were dealing death and destruction from the air on a scale unprecedented in this theater.

Gen. Auchinleck, allied commander in India, told the Indian legislative assembly that the weight and frequency of air attacks

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Lonergan, Killer Of Wife, Convicted In Second Degree

NEW YORK, April 1.—(AP)—A glittering road which Wayne Lonergan traveled from modest circumstances into a world of wealth and luxurious living came to an abrupt end today—with prison walls its terminus.

The glitter ended on a morning last October when his attractive estranged wife, Patricia, 23-year-old heiress to a \$7,000,000 brewery fortune, was bludgeoned and strangled in her triple apartment.

The terminus burst suddenly into view last night when, after a two-week trial, a jury of 12 middle-aged business men convicted the 26-year-old Canadian aircraft man of second degree murder.

Judge James Wallace fixed April 17 for imposing a 20-year-to-life sentence which the verdict demands.

The defendant stood calmly as the jurors announced their decision. They had deliberated nine hours and 40 minutes.

An associate defense attorney who waited with him in a detention room during the jury's deliberation, said Lonergan never became nervous or worried. Instead, the attorney said, he philosophized that "when your num-

Engaged to Head Roseburg Public School System



Walter V. Dennis, above, has been employed as superintendent of the Roseburg public schools for the year 1944-1945. Mr. Dennis will fill the position left vacant by the resignation of W. M. Campbell and will assume his new duties July 1.

A native of Oregon, he has taught in Lane and Josephine counties, and for the past two years has been superintendent of schools in Clatskanie, Oregon.

He was recommended to the board of school directors of the Roseburg district as being a very efficient educator and progressive in his policies of school management.

King of Italy to Abdicate in Favor of Son, Report

NAPLES, April 1.—(AP)—The communist party, through its chief, Palmiro Togliatti, called today for the formation of a coalition "war government" in Italy without insisting further on the abdication of King Vittorio Emanuele.

Unconfirmed rumors that King Vittorio Emanuele is about to abdicate in favor of Crown Prince Umberto were widely circulated in southern Italy today.

The king's abdication would remove virtually the only obstacle to the "democratizing" of the Badoglio government for which the soviet government newspaper Izvestia has called.

Up to now, six parties in the committee of national liberation ranging from the communists to Christian democrats on the right, have refused to collaborate with the Badoglio government unless the king abdicated.

An associate of Badoglio said yesterday that Badoglio would gladly take representatives of all recognized parties, including the communists, into his government, in a statement inspired by Izvestia's comment that Russia is ready to aid in reforming the Italian government before the allies occupy Rome.

It is not so much the monarchy that the six parties oppose as it is the king, whom they accuse of collaboration with fascism for 20 years.

Talmadge Leaves Clear Field for Sen. George

ATLANTA, Ga., April 1.—(AP)—Former Governor Eugene Talmadge announced today he would not run for the U. S. senate seat of Walter F. George, apparently assuring the senior senator another six-year term.

Talmadge was runner-up to George in the 1938 election in which President Roosevelt sought George's defeat. Lawrence S. Camp, then U. S. district attorney and Roosevelt choice, ran last.

Neuner Files Candidacy For Attorney General

SALEM, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—Attorney General George Neuner, republican, McMinnville, Friday filed his declaration of candidacy for election to the office to which he was appointed last December following the death of L. H. Van Winkle.

Outposts of Odessa Taken; Chaos in Port

Rumanians Surrender in Bessarabia; Border of Czechoslovakia Reached

MOSCOW, April 1.—(AP)—German and Rumanian resistance in southwest Russia was beginning to crumble today as masses of red army infantry, tanks, and bombers swept on towards three major objectives—Odessa, Tiraspol and Kishinev.

Front line soviet dispatches said that one intermediate line after another was cracking.

These reports said many Rumanians were willingly surrendering as the Russians drove through middle Bessarabia toward Kishinev.

Wild confusion was reported in Odessa as General Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian army and Marshal Konev's Second Ukrainian army closed on the Black sea port from the east and northwest and other units rushed for the Tiraspol railway junction on the lower Dniester where they could cut the enemy off.

The soviets have captured the main outposts of Odessa and the nazis were said to be hurriedly throwing up a middle defense.

Other dispatches said disorganized Germans in exhausted groups were running down stony roads without boots as the Russians closed in from captured Ochakov which since 1942 has been known as the "shield of Odessa."

At the northern end of the Ukrainian front, Marshal Zhukov's troops drew up before the Rumanian and Czechoslovak frontiers.

Soviet dispatches gave no news of any thrusts across the borders, apparently Zhukov was consolidating his position as Konev did when he reached the Prut.

Trap Threatens Nazis

Thousands of exhausted Germans—some estimates placed the number at 200,000 or more—were being herded toward Odessa across the rapidly narrowing naz-held sector above the Black sea coast, the dispatches added. These remnants of Marshal von Manstein's once-powerful invasion army faced possible entrapment, as other Russian forces attacking southward in pre-war Rumania cut their major escape line to the west by seizing Sipotyany on the Odessa-Kishinev railway.

Entire trainloads of enemy equipment were captured intact as the nazis fled "in panic" toward Odessa, the soviet war bulletin reported.

LONDON, April 1.—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today that red army spearheads have reached the northern approaches of Jablonka pass, leading through the Carpathian mountains into Czechoslovakia.

Berlin called the drive on Odessa from the north by Marshal Konev's Second Ukrainian army a "strong soviet offensive wedge," and described another soviet force as aiming at Last, across the Prut river, and still another

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Thieves Make Huge Ration Stamp Haul

BATON ROUGE, La., April 1.—(AP)—Authorities in this area searched today for thieves who pulled what police described as a "smooth professional job" in escaping with OPA gasoline coupons worth more than 20,000,000 gallons, enough to supply the state of Louisiana for a month and a half.

The coupons were taken yesterday morning from a safe at the ration board office. It was announced by authorities.

In addition, various other coupons and ration books good for 77,950 pairs of shoes, 19 bicycles, sugar and other rationed commodities were taken from the office of the East Baton Rouge parish rationing board by burglars described by the board chairman as "black market thieves."

Officers said the thieves probably used a truck or other vehicle in making their escape because of the bulkiness of the stolen coupons.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Retenstam
Having been driven by the Russians from both the upper and lower Bug rivers, the Germans, in their attempt to save the Balkans, are now making a last "itch" stand.