

TWO WOMEN DIE AS BUS OVERTURNS NEAR AZALEA

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REDS SMASHING TO SEVASTOPOL

Panic Strikes Axis Troops In Full Rout

Romanians Abandoned by Nazis, Report; Skala Trap Tightened by Russians

MOSCOW, April 13—(AP)—Cossack cavalry, light tanks and columns of motorized artillery—vanguards of Gen. Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukrainian army racing down through the Crimea were within sight of the tall buildings of Simferopol, capital of the former Crimean republic, today and only 35 miles north of the great Black sea naval base of Sevastopol.

A correspondent of the Moscow newspaper Pravda attached to Tolbukhin's army reported that panic was spreading among the retreating axis troops, especially the Romanians, who were said to have been denied motorized transport by the Germans.

"One entire Romanian division was reported to have fled knowing it would be abandoned by the truck columns who were taking only Germans aboard," the correspondent said.

Other dispatches asserted that German officers were abandoning their own men as the Russian forces pressed forward.

Driving in from the liquidated Kerch peninsula to the east, Gen. Yeremenko's army drove other German and Romanian troops down the Black Sea coastal road.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Russians are booming down into the Crimea—the big peninsula (almost an island) that juts out into the Black sea from Russia. In their great drive to the west that now has practically cleared the soil of south Russia of nazis, they "sealed off" the Crimea as they passed by and left it for later consideration. There are taking care of it now.

There are supposed to be about 100,000 Germans and Romanians left in the Crimea. Their only escape is by water across the western arm of the Black sea to Romania. They appear to be slipping out every night by boat.

The Germans are reported to have rushed a fleet of pocket submarines to Constanta, on the Romanian coast, to protect their Crimean "Dunkerque" fleet.

It appears from the dispatches that a few Germans are still escaping by sea from the desolate marshes below Odessa.

NOTE the new spelling of Romania. Rumania has had the edge up to now, but the three principal American news services (AP, UP and INS) have got together and agreed on Romania. In theory, Romania flatters the Romanians, as it suggests their descent from the ancient Romans.

UP to the north, the Russians have pushed clear to the Carpathians, thus splitting the German armies in the south off from those in the north. There are vague reports of Russian units beginning to push into some of the narrow Carpathian passes.

Their main drive is southward along the Carpathian foothills toward the Ploesti oil fields. If you will look at your map, you will guess, as do most other guessers, that the big battle will come in the narrow valley between the Danube, where it turns sharply eastward toward the Black sea at Galati, and the mountains. The valley here is

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Son of Tiller Woman Missing in War, 3 Others of Family Carry on



After four months of combat service First Lieutenant Horace S. Corbett, Jr., (at top), son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Corbett of Tiller, has been reported missing in action. Two brothers, Richard Corbett (left) now a torpedoman with the U. S. navy, and Tom Corbett, with the infantry at Camp Shelby, Miss., in lower photo, are left to carry on the fight, while a sister, Louise Corbett Hall, (not pictured) is also doing her part by serving as a post exchange accountant at Camp White, Medford. Lieutenant Corbett was reported

"Secret Weapon" Claim of Germans Evokes Derision

LONDON, April 12.—(AP)—The Germans came up today with a new story about the "secret weapon" they are saving for use against the allies. This time it is a projectile containing a chemical which freezes everything with a radius of 500 yards by a temperature of 332 degrees below zero fahrenheit.

"Radio national," the German station purporting to operate from Britain, said the effect of the projectile is to "kill every living creature within range and make steel and concrete structures so brittle they collapse at a touch."

The broadcast declares that the British had been mystified recently by the sudden appearance of large icebergs in the channel and North sea between the Thames estuary and the Dutch coast, and said they had been created by the new "weapon."

This assertion brought a derisive chuckle from British naval officials, one of whom asserted: "There hasn't been an iceberg seen in the channel or that part of the North sea since the ice age."

Japs Extend Siege Lines Near Imphal

Allied Base in India Now Menaced at New Point; Hill Wrested From Foe

NEW DELHI, April 13—(AP)—The Japanese have edged around to the northwest of Imphal, supplementing their positions to the southwest of that partly-surrounded base in the Manipur plain of eastern India, a communique of Admiral Mountbatten's southeast Asia headquarters disclosed today.

The announcement said British and Indian forces had captured a hill position in that area in hand-to-hand fighting.

(A Domei broadcast from Tokyo declared Japanese formations were launching thrusts near an airfield only 23 miles north of Imphal.)

To the north, the British were making progress in easing their situation by cleaning up some of the Manipur road blocks with squeezing tactics near Kohima on the route to Dimapur and the Bengal-Assam railway lifeline. Americans Score Gain

American infantry raiders under Brig. Gen. Merrill meanwhile continued with their objective of completing a link with China before the monsoon by taking Nhpum Ga, in the rugged hills east of the Mogaung valley of North Burma. Nhpum Ga is only 34 miles from the Myitkya-Mandalay railway and 16 miles northeast of Kamaing, next im-

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New Pay Schedule Set For Portland Teachers

PORTLAND, April 13.—(AP)—The Portland school board last night approved a new salary schedule for all educational employees of the system.

The schedule sets a maximum of \$3050 annually for classroom teachers with a masters degree and 16 years experience. Superintendent Willard B. Spalding said the new schedule would cost not more than \$122,700, and probably much less. Maximum increase would be \$100 a year.

destroy the rights of the common people." Has Faith in People To this, MacArthur replied: "I appreciate very much your scholarly letter of January 27. Your descriptions of conditions in the United States is a sobering one indeed and is calculated to arouse the thoughtful consideration of every true patriot.

"We must not inadvertently slip into the same condition internally as the one which we fight externally. Like Abraham Lincoln, I am a firm believer in the people and if given the truth they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The point is to bring before them the real facts.

"Out here we are doing what we can with what we have. I will be glad, however, when more substantial forces are placed at my disposition."

The latter apparently was a reference to a declaration by Miller that the people are convinced that the "allocation of war supplies is not above critical examination" and an expression of hope that "some decisions soon will be to send more supplies to the Pacific area where they can be used against the Japs."

Ickes Scores Hate Clamor Against Japs

WRA Won't Be Driven Into Bestial Treatment Of Evacuees, Declaration

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13—(AP)—Secretary of the Interior Ickes said today the War Relocation authority "will not be stampeded into undemocratic, bestial, inhuman action" in handling Japanese Americans evacuated from the west coast.

Ickes said he believed the WRA program "has, in general, handled with discretion, humanity and wisdom" the problem of caring for the evacuees sent away from west coast points by army orders.

In a statement here outlining his views, Ickes said the eventual status of the Japanese Americans who have been investigated and proved loyal is to a large extent, "a local problem."

"I hope that the clamor of those few among you who are screaming that this situation should be resolved on the basis of prejudice and hate will soon be overwhelmed by the stern remonstrances of those among you—an overwhelming majority—who believe in fair play and decency, christianity, in the principles of America, in the constitution of the United States."

"It is intolerable to think that these people will be excluded from a normal life in this country for long" Ickes said. Evacuees "Blameless"

Following disorders in the relocation center at Tule Lake, Calif., which led to widespread criticism, President Roosevelt some weeks ago transferred the War Relocation authority to the

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Trucker Seves Bride From Crash That Kills Him

EUGENE, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—John H. Tinsley, 28, was killed yesterday when his logging truck went out of control and crashed on a side road off the McKenzie highway near here. Just before the truck crashed, he pushed his bride of a month to safety.

MacArthur Sounds Warning Anent Boom For Presidency; Dewey Strength Mounts

WASHINGTON, April 13—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has replied to a congressman's request that he hold himself available for the republican presidential nomination with an assertion that the United States "must not inadvertently slip into the same condition internally as the one which we fight externally."

In an exchange of correspondence with Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Neb.), the Southwest Pacific commander wrote that he did not anticipate in any way the fulfillment of "flattering predictions" the house member had made that MacArthur could win the nomination and as Miller put it, "carry every state in the nation."

Bombs Lash Nazi Plants in Reich, Hungary

Budapest, Schweinfurt Main Targets; Raids Hit France, Belgium Also

(By the Associated Press) Striking from both Britain and Italy, American bombers by the hundreds pounded aircraft and ball bearing factories in four German cities and plunged more explosives into Hungary after the British by night had jarred its capital of Budapest with two-ton blockbusters.

German targets were the bearings works of Schweinfurt, aerial installations at Lechfeld and aircraft plants at Augsburg and Oberpfaffenhofen.

Seventy miles northwest of Budapest, U. S. bombers from Italy attacked factories at Gyor producing Messerschmitts, rail cars and machine works. The Tokol airdrome assembly plant 11 miles southwest of the capital and the Vesces airdrome ten miles southeast also were torn up.

The bombers from Italy also tangled the rail yards of Brod in Yugoslavia, midway between Belgrade and Zagreb. All these operations in the Balkans directly supported the Russian armies advancing through Romania and into the Carpathian mountain barrier.

Lesser U. S. planes during the earlier hours of Thursday pounded the Germans in Belgium at Namur and at an air base at Chievres. Others hit the French

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Death Claims Earl Who Once Whipped Sullivan

LONDON, April 13.—(AP)—Hugh Cecil Lowther, fifth Earl of Lonsdale, prominent sportsman who once fought John L. Sullivan five rounds under an assumed name and won, died today at Oakham, Rutland. He was 87.

Lord Lonsdale was fond of proclaiming himself the discoverer of the Klondike, and told how in December, 1888, he set out from Winnipeg.

Mistake of Pharmacist Fatal to Three Babies

NEW LONDON, Conn., April 13.—AP—Administrator Richard F. Hancock of the Lawrence memorial hospital reported today that an error by an employee of the hospital's pharmacy department had resulted in the deaths of 3 infants. Seven others were seriously ill, he said, and two more under close observation.

Because of the error, the administrator said, boric acid powder instead of dextrose powder was used in preparing a formula fed to the 20 babies.

Coroner Edward G. McKay of Norwich began an investigation.

Hospital officials said there was no known antidote for the boric acid poisoning, and added that adults probably would have been made only mildly ill by the preparation which affected the infants.

Eight Inmates Perish In Home for Indigents

LAWRENCE, Kas., April 13.—(AP)—Eight inmates perished in a fire which destroyed the Douglas county home for indigents today. Twenty-nine others escaped without injury.

Caretaker George Hoskinson said the fire started in the boiler room of the two-story, 50-room structure from unknown cause.

Alaska, Hawaii Take Top Honors in War Bond Buys

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Alaska and Hawaii led the nation in fulfillment of bond quotas in the Fourth war loan drive, Delegate Dimock has informed the house.

Dimock said Alaska had subscribed 102 per cent and Hawaii 175 per cent of their quotas.

Five Other Passengers, Badly Injured, Taken to Hospitals; Slippery Pavement Blamed

Death Victims Are Mrs. Gertrude Simon, Eugene, Mrs. S. M. Deurloo, Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Driver's Quick Action Prevents Flaming Horror

A southbound Greyhound bus overturned last night on the Pacific highway about a mile and a half north of Azalea, bringing death to two passengers, sending five to hospitals and causing minor injuries to other of the 18 occupants.

The Dead: Mrs. Gertrude Simon, 53, Eugene. Mrs. Sadie Margaret Deurloo, 42, Steamboat Springs, Colo. Seriously Injured: Hugh Bert Robinson, Los Angeles, possible skull fracture. Lois Katherine Prevo, Ashland, shock, exposure, gasoline burns.

Mrs. Charles (Juanita) McKee, Rogue River, Ore., shock, exposure and gasoline burns. Steve Tomlanovich, Klamath Falls, back injuries. Mrs. Jennie Moss, Grants Pass, shock and back injuries.

Slightly Injured: James P. Sullivan, Chicago. Mrs. L. G. Clark and small son, Jerry Lee, Grants Pass. Mrs. Marshall Pruitt and two-year-old daughter, Granger, Wash.

Mrs. V. E. Ray and nine-month-old daughter, Shirley, Corvallis, Ore.

Bus Passengers Calm at Wreck, Rescuer Reports

Passengers of the Greyhound bus, which was wrecked last yesterday near Azalea, resulting in death of two passengers and injuries to others, conducted themselves very calmly, according to Bill West, manager of West's Firestone store, Roseburg, West, returning from a business trip to the south part of the county, was one of the first arrivals at the scene.

He crawled into the smashed interior of the wrecked vehicle and succeeded in freeing three of the passengers, who had suffered only minor injuries, but who were trapped between seats and the crushed top.

Little panic or hysteria was displayed by any of the wreck victims, West said.

After assisting in clearing all of the passengers who could be rescued without the use of heavy equipment, West sped on into Canyonville, where he summoned wreckers, ambulances and notified the state police at Roseburg.

He suffered the loss of about \$20 worth of tools and equipment, taken from his truck to be used in clearing debris, had a pair of shoes cut into shreds by broken glass, and wrecked a freshly pressed suit of clothes.

Fire Horror Prevented.

Passengers gave high praise to Driver Brown, who, they reported saved many lives by his prompt action in extinguishing a fire which started in the motor. Brown, they told police, smashed his way through glass and used his own and passengers' coats to smother the flames. Gasoline from the fuel tanks drenched the interior of the wrecked car, causing scalding burns to several of the passengers, particularly those who were pinned in the wreckage.

The driver, assisted by the three soldiers, kicked out windows and removed injured and

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Bus Wreck Victim Wife Of Funeral Director

Mrs. Gertrude Simon, 53, who died in the crash of the Greyhound bus near Azalea last night, was the wife of Clarence V. Simon, funeral director at Eugene.

She was born February 8, 1891, at Halsey, Oregon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Shephard, pioneer settlers in the Willamette valley.

Surviving are her husband; her mother, Mrs. Elsie Pierce, Eugene, and two sisters, Mrs. E. E. Matchette, Spokane, and Mrs. E. K. Miller, Grants Pass.

Mrs. Simon was en route to Grants Pass for a visit with her sister when the accident occurred.

The body is being forwarded to Eugene by the Douglas Funeral home.

Levity Fast Rant

By L. F. Robinson

A de-tinning plant got 24 carloads of old tin cans from Oregon during the first quarter of 1944. Now for a de-ginning plant that will take the old tanks from the wheels of Oregon automobiles.