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Ammunition Dumps, Rail Lines Blasted

Italian Cities of Genoa, Milan Also Raided on 17th Day of Non-Stop Assault

(By the Associated Press)
A thousand American planes battered the Germans today in their invasion battlefronts in northern France extending the ceaseless aerial offensive in its 17th consecutive day. Half the planes were bombers and enemy defense was negligible.

In heavy, concentrated attacks last night, the RAF exploded an ammunition dump at Maentelon, 37 miles southwest of Paris, and blew up railroads near the French Capital at Acheres and at Somme near Lille. Western Germany was hit; waters were mined; the loss was a single British plane.

From the south, allied Mediterranean air forces bombed the leading Italian port of Genoa for the third straight night. Livorno and Montefiore near Trieste also were attacked. By daylight, 500 bombers based on Italy struck an aircraft factory at Milan Sunday and numerous other targets in northern Italy. The blows fell as 3,000 other allied planes, 1,000 of them U. S. bombers, pounded invasion targets in France. At least 30 German fighters were destroyed yesterday, along with 11 allied planes from Britain and Italy.

The cloud-darkening Sunday assaults rounded out the record month of April in which 100,000 tons of allied bombs staggered the Germans anxiously awaiting assault in Europe. Lt. Gen. James Doolittle said the U. S. Eighth air force alone destroyed 1,300 Nazi fighters — "substantially more than the entire German aircraft production for the month." The Eighth lost 359 bombers and 144 fighters in April.

Patrols and artillery were active in Italy but opposing armies still were marking time. The Germans apparently abandoned efforts to salvage a destroyer beached, burned and bombed on the French coast after a channel engagement in which the swift new Canadian destroyer Athabaska was sunk.

Election Dated for Myrtle Creek Workers

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—(AP)—An order for labor elections to determine bargaining jurisdiction for employees of the E. P. Logging Co., of Montesano, Wash., and Myrtle Creek, Ore., and the Umpqua Lumber Co. of Myrtle Creek has been issued by the NLRB here.

Both companies are managed by Edward Pico. Unions involved are the CIO International Woodworkers of America, the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers, and the AFL Teamsters and Auto Truck Drivers.

Wages are not involved, the election order, signed by Gerald D. Rellly and John M. Houston, NLRB members here, indicated. The elections are to be held by May 24.

U. S. Ship Sunk With Loss Of 498 War Personnel

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—The sinking of an American ship with loss of 498 military personnel in the Mediterranean was announced today by the War department.

The date of the sinking was not given, except that it was "recent." Nor was it disclosed whether the enemy action was by submarine or aircraft.

"The vessel sank swiftly and 498 military personnel are missing," said the brief announcement. "The next of kin of the personnel have been notified."

Carrot Particles In Throat Fatal To Child

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—Judy Ann Miles, 2, died here yesterday of secondary pneumonia after carrot particles lodged in her throat.

The child, who choked on the carrot particles Friday, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Miles of Vanport City.

Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

The Victory bond buying slogan is going into reverse for a lot of soft-muscled Victory gardeners, meaning that the involved labor "attacks the back." Suggested substitute slogan: "Linament for ligaments."

Local School Board Elects Ten Teachers

Five Vacancies Still to Be Filled; Money Needed For Recreation Program

The board of directors of the Roseburg school district, at a special weekend meeting, accepted the recommendations of Walter V. Dennis, who is to serve as city superintendent during the 1944-45 school year, and elected 10 teachers to the staff of Roseburg schools. Four of the instructors recommended by Mr. Dennis will teach in the senior high school, three in the junior high and three in the elementary schools. Fifteen applications for the position of principal of the senior high school, vacated by Clyde Beard, who is to be made a member of Linfield college faculty, were considered and the field narrowed to a half dozen applicants. The records and qualifications of each will be carefully studied before a choice is made to fill the vacancy.

Five Places Still Vacant
Mr. Dennis reports he has more than a score of applications by teachers seeking positions in the Roseburg schools and anticipates little difficulty in opening the schools with a complete staff of well qualified instructors. The election of ten teachers leaves five places still vacant and as nearly all of these are in specialized fields, final decision will be left until program details have been arranged.

It is planned, Mr. Dennis stated, to include the music department in a "recreation" program and efforts will be made to find an instructor who can combine music supervision with organization and direction of bands, orchestras and choruses, giving full time to the music activity.

Recreation Fund Needed
At the weekend meeting, the school board agreed, Mr. Dennis reports, to put all district recreational facilities at the disposal of a supervised community recreation program.

The district, however, lacks funds to provide the required supervision, but will undertake direction of the program if costs can be met from some outside source. It was estimated the program as tentatively outlined

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE war on the shooting fronts as this is written can be summarized in a few sentences. There is nothing startlingly new.

ON the northern coast of New Guinea (within easy striking distance of HUNDREDS of Jap islands) our BOMBERS are now flying from the newly-seized Hollandia airfields.

THE British are pouring heavy reinforcements into Kohima and an assault to drive the Japs back into Burma appears imminent. JAP PLANES appear in considerable numbers over Kohima for the FIRST time.

A lot of Oriental "face" is involved in this Burma-India fighting. The Japs, using renegade Indians, are trying to foment a revolution in India. If they fail, they will "lose face." British prestige (our word for "face") is also directly at stake. The British MUST DEFEND India, or the consequences to them may be serious.

With all this "face" hanging in the balance, the fighting there is sure to be stubborn.

THE Japs are still making progress DOWN the Peiping-Hankow railroad. They are reported 40 miles south of Chenghsien. (The Chinese are supposed to hold a section of this railroad extending about 150 miles south of Chenghsien.)

HERE is a crisp sentence from the European air war dispatches: "In 24 hours alone,

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Will Reorganize Lodge in Roseburg



Reorganization of a Roseburg lodge of Pythian Sisters, auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias, scheduled at the lodge hall at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, will be directed by Grand Chief of Oregon Mrs. Queen D. Wood, pictured above. Installation of officers and initiation of members will follow at the hall at 8 o'clock in the evening. Initiatory work will be performed by officers from the Grants Pass temple.

Allied Planes Hit Nearer Philippines

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, May 1.—(AP)—Edging persistently westward, allied bombers based on newly-captured New Guinea airfields have begun full-scale assaults on Japanese bases to the northwest, hitting one target only 700 miles from the Philippines.

Gen. MacArthur's communique today told of a destructive raid on the Schouten Islands, a long-range assault on Sorong at the western tip of New Guinea, and air and sea hammering of the Wakde island area, closest enemy stronghold northwest of Hollandia.

Striking to the east also, airmen hurled 85 tons of bombs on Wewak, the enemy's largest remaining air and supply base in northeast New Guinea, sprayed 26 tons of bombs on Hansa bay to the southeast, and hit crippled Rabaul on New Britain island with 30 tons.

All-States Walk Will Include Yoncalla Stone

A 52-pound stone, originally a part of a fireplace in a pioneer home, has been shipped by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cockerham of Yoncalla to Williamsburg, West Virginia, where it is to be included in an All-States walk. Stones from all states in the Union are being procured for the walk, which will be built at the entrance to a large Williamsburg church. Each rock will be engraved with the name of the state from which it was received. The fireplace rock, donated by Harvey Cockerham and shipped by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cockerham, required \$5.65 freight charges.

Train-Auto Collision Kills 4 Near Westport

WESTPORT, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—A train-auto collision killed four persons and injured another a mile east of here late yesterday. All the victims were in an automobile returning from a fishing trip.

The dead were taken to St. Helens where they were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Loren Boggs, each about 34, of Wauna, Ore.; Mrs. Orville G. Boggs of Portland, and Clarence E. Holbrook, 19, Wauna, a brother of Mrs. Loren Boggs.

Orville G. Boggs was hospitalized at Astoria with injuries not believed serious, Powers said.

Lloyd Parsons Hired as Yoncalla School Head

Lloyd Parsons of Vancouver, Wash., has been employed by the Yoncalla school board to serve as principal of the Yoncalla high school for the 1944-45 school year. He will fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Reginald Menegatti, who has accepted a contract as principal of the Union high school at Amity, Ore., for the forthcoming school year.

Child Killed By Accidental Blow of Auto

James Richard Denton, 3, Runs Into Driveway as Car Is Backing Out

James Richard Denton, aged three years and eight months, died Sunday from injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile driven by Robert Franklin Denton, a 15-year old cousin.

According to information given officers, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported, the cousin was backing the automobile from the garage to the road adjoining the Denton home in Garden Valley, when the child ran into the driveway directly behind the moving automobile.

The injured child was rushed to Mercy hospital, but was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Coroner H. C. Stearns was called and joined state police in conducting the examination.

Born at Corinth, Miss., Aug. 1940, the child was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Denton, Garden Valley. Surviving besides the parents are a younger brother, Gene, and the paternal and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Denton, Roseburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Bechaud, Corinth, Miss.

Funeral services will be conducted by Dr. Morris H. Roach at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday, with burial following in the Masonic cemetery.

Mississippi Crest Highest in Century; 11,000 Fight Flood

(By the Associated Press)
After reaching its highest level in 100 years at St. Louis, the Mississippi fell slightly then rose again today and continued its damaging course as one of its tributaries, the Illinois, tore at earthen levees. Another tributary, the Missouri, was falling.

Rains up to two inches fell in the flooded area overnight but just how much and how soon they would affect the rivers no authority would predict.

But the army engineers did call for additional help to hold the dikes, bringing to more than 11,000 the number in Illinois and Missouri fighting to hold down all possible the widespread property and crop destruction.

The army engineers office at St. Louis reported four levees in the St. Louis area—all on the Illinois side of the river—still were in critical condition. Water in the huge freight yards of the Missouri Pacific at Dupon, Ill., forced suspension of operations.

A coast guard cutter was ordered upstream from Cape Girardeau, Mo., to assist in evacuation work today at Hanging Dog Island, 10 miles below Grand Tower. The coast guard previously evacuated all 600 residents of Valmeyer, Ill.

The total acreage inundated by the Mississippi and the two tributaries, the Illinois and Missouri, in the latest tabulation by the Red Cross was 1,212,000.

Fire Sweeps Business Zone of California Town

INDIO, Calif., May 1.—(AP)—Firemen early today controlled flames of undetermined origin which swept through seven business places and for a time threatened to engulf this community's entire downtown district.

Three adjoining single-story frame and stucco commercial buildings housing the establishments were destroyed, said Fire Chief Harry McCausland.

Officer Kills Self Over Impending Home Break-Up

SEATTLE, May 1.—(AP)—Jack Brower, 33, Seattle police officer, died Saturday from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head. Among his survivors is his mother, Mrs. Paul Hodge, Klammath Falls, Ore., and a son, Jack, Jr., now living with his grandmother. He shot himself after he and his wife had discussed separation, coroner's deputies reported.

First Yankee Tanks in Asia Battling Japs

Stilwell Retakes Half Of Burma Sector; Foo Poised for Imphal Blow

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 1.—(AP)—Two years after taking a "hell of a beating" in Burma, Lt. Gen. Stilwell has recaptured almost half the Moguang valley of northern Burma and has sent into action the first all-American tank unit to fight on the Asiatic continent. It was disclosed today.

Announcement that tanks are spearheading Stilwell's drive down the valley increased hope that "Vinegar Joe" could reach the town of Moguang before the monsoon rains began in about two weeks. The main Japanese base in northern Burma, Myittha, lies some 40 miles east of Moguang.

Stilwell's Chinese spearheads are reported at Manpin, 32 miles northwest of Moguang, and the American tanks rolled into battle for the first time at Inkang-tung, 12 miles northwest of Manpin.

A communique disclosed that Warazup, five miles above Inkang-tung, on the valley's only truckable road, had been in Stilwell's hands 10 days.

Japs Mass For Imphal Onset
From the battle front in northern India, meanwhile, came reports that the Japanese are massing for an all-out assault on Imphal, main allied base on the Manipur plain.

An allied spokesman said that the Japanese, faced with dwindling supplies, must either attack shortly in an effort to improve their position or make an ignominious withdrawal. The enemy's invasion of India has been too strongly ballyhooed for him to withdraw without suffering great loss of face, the spokesman added.

Sixty miles north of Imphal, in the Kohima area, allied troops were reported making further progress to complete the reduction of enemy points of resistance in the vicinity of the village.

Vital Pass Won by Japs
Bad news came meanwhile from Chungking, where Chinese reports admitted today the fall of historic Hualao pass, ancient battleground guarding the way to Loyalang in Honan province. This is a distinct blow to the Chinese.

An eight-day battle preceded loss of the pass, a small piece of flatland backed by steep mountains on three sides. It fronts the

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Politics to Boom During This Month

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—In the greatest burst of political activity the presidential campaign has seen thus far, democrats will name delegates representing 476 national convention votes and republicans will select 351 this month in 26 states.

By June 1, the republicans will have selected 1,006 of their 1,039 Chicago delegates and the democrats will have chosen 906 of their 1,176.

Unless there is an unexpected change in sentiment, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who says he is not a candidate for the republican presidential nomination, and President Roosevelt, probably will continue their harvest of pledged and claimed delegates.

The republican field was narrowed perceptibly over the weekend by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's unequivocal statement that he would not accept the nomination. The movement to draft him thus knocked in the head by the general himself, it was announced from Chicago headquarters that the MacArthur-for-president clubs would be disbanded.

Roseburg Woman Hurt in Portland Auto Accident

Mrs. F. E. Ross, 48, Roseburg, has entered a hospital at Portland for treatment of injuries suffered Saturday in an automobile accident at Portland, where she was visiting, according to word received today. She was said to have suffered injuries to her left hip and leg.

Liberation Near, U. S. Radio Tells Nazi-Occupied Lands; Soviet Ready to Cooperate

Britons as Well Nazis Jittery as Invasion Impends

LONDON, May 1.—(AP)—The allies' pre-invasion nerve war received fresh impetus today from a new U. S. broadcasting station in Britain which launched its operations yesterday by telling the people of occupied Europe that great allied armies will be coming to their aid ere long "from the west and south."

This twin blow, to be struck in cooperation with Russian forces attacking from the east, will show the Germans "what overwhelming force can be" and "will end forever the shameful chapter of Nazi tyranny," the broadcast declared.

Delivered by Robert E. Sherwood, director of the Office of War Information's overseas operations, the initial message from the U. S. station—known as "ABSIE"—urged underground workers throughout Europe to hold themselves in readiness for the signal to strike in concert with the allied armies of liberation.

"Until then be cautious, be discreet," Sherwood added. "Your lives are valuable to the allied cause. Your gallant services will be needed for the hard fighting that must be done."

Technical experts said the Germans made desperate efforts to "jam" the air and prevent reception of the initial ABSIE broadcast in Europe, but asserted that the attempts at interference were not very successful.

Britons Also Jittery

The broadcast obviously was part of a campaign intended to give the Germans the "invasion jitters"—a malady not unknown on this side of the English channel where the strain of waiting for "D-day" is imposing a heavy burden on nerves already worn by more than four years of conflict.

With this island swarming with American and British troops, the

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Siamese Twins Born to Widow

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., May 1.—(AP)—Siamese twins were born here yesterday to a 24-year-old widow. The children and mother were reported in good condition.

"Cute little blonde girls," a nurse said. But the attending physician reported they would never walk; that one showed signs of bad circulation; that they could never be separated; that, if one died, the other would follow within a few hours—possibly minutes.

"Oh gosh!" said the mother, Mrs. Mary Stierly, gasped when informed of the birth. Her husband, Harold, a war plant worker, was killed in a motorcycle accident two months ago.

The girls weigh 12 pounds, are joined together at the pelvis, and their inner legs are joined together, terminating in a single foot with only one toe. The outer legs, torsos and heads are perfectly formed.

One child is much smaller than the other.

Pacific Highway Job in Washington Disapproved

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—The War Production board's facilities committee has disapproved proposed improvement of the Pacific highway in Washington, Rep. Norman (R-Wash.) said today.

He said the area urgency committee had asked disapproval of the work at this time because of a labor shortage.

Washington state had planned to improve the highway between Woodland and Olympia. Norman said he had suggested the state highway department appeal the decision.

Now Acting Head Of American Navy



(NEA Telephone)

James V. Forrestal, above, 52-year-old undersecretary of the navy, become acting head of that department upon the death of Secretary Frank Knox. In civilian life a banker and broker, Forrestal served as a navy aviator in the first world war. Although Forrestal, a democrat, is strongly supported in congress for the cabinet post, it is generally believed no appointment will be made by President Roosevelt until after the national democratic and republican conventions, and that the portfolio will go to a republican, possibly Lt. Com. Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor, in the event he is not nominated on the national republican ticket.

Four German Escapees Caught; 2 Others at Large

SEATTLE, May 1.—(AP)—Four German prisoners of war who escaped from the Fort Lewis prisoner-of-war camp last week were captured over the weekend while two others still remained at large, the FBI announced.

Three of the men, who left the camp only Saturday night, were picked up near Roy, less than 10 miles south of Fort Lewis, yesterday.

The fourth man who escaped last Wednesday, was captured Saturday night by Tacoma police after he had approached Louis Vander Flaats, Great Northern railroad fireman, on the street and asked if he could speak German.

Flaats said he could not but that he could find someone who did. While the escaped prisoner waited for him, the railroad man called police.

Still at large are two others, who escaped from the camp last Tuesday.

Aged Recluse Guide of Curry County Missing

GOLD BEACH, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—Fear for the safety of Morris Fritzke, 80-year-old recluse hunters' guide, was expressed here today after he had been reported as missing from his cabin in the isolated Wild Horse district.

State police and sheriff's officers made several searches in the mountains near the cabin after it was reported that he had not been seen for nearly a month.

He had lived in this area for nearly half a century.

Traction Firm, OPA Claim Cast-Off Tokens

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—The Portland Traction Co., which has collected a bucketful of ration tokens from fare boxes, is deadlocked with the OPA over jurisdiction and disposition of the red and blue discs.

The traction company says it has a financial interest in the tokens, but the OPA office is searching for a rule that will compel return of the orphaned tokens.

Joint Blow Needed, Stalin Declares; Allied Aid Praised

LONDON, May 1.—(AP)—Premier Stalin, in May day pronouncement, declared today that the red army and the allied armed forces must launch simultaneous onslaughts from east and west to finish off "the wounded German beast" in his own den.

"There can be no doubt that only a combined blow such as this will be able finally to crush Hitlerite Germany," Stalin declared in a broadcast order of the day which praised the allies for their "considerable contribution" to past Russian successes.

Stalin said that "under the blows of the red army, the bloc of fascist states is cracking and tumbling down," and exhorted the peoples of Romania, Hungary, Finland and Bulgaria to "take the matter of their liberation from the German yoke into their own hands."

Reciting a string of victories since Stalingrad, the premier said the "fatherland's war has shown that the soviet people can perform miracles and come out victorious from the most severe trials."

Stalin said that American and British troops "are holding the front against the Germans in Italy and are diverting a considerable part of the German forces from us. They supply us with very valuable strategic raw materials and armaments and subject to systematic bombing military objectives in Germany, thus undermining the military power of the latter."

May day was observed at numerous rallies in England last night.

In liberated Italy, more than 5,000 Italian workers gathered in Naples' Garibaldi square in the first open May day demonstration in 20 years and meetings also were held in other southern Italian cities.

"Hurricane" to Hit Nazis

The soviet government newspaper Izvestia suggested today that the lull on the Russian front, attributed to weather and red army regroupings, would end soon and that a new offensive would burst on the Germans "with the force

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Trial of Sedition Cases Upset By Contempt Phases

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—A contempt of court proceeding against a defense attorney today halted until Wednesday the trial of 30 persons accused of seditious conspiracy. Then it will be necessary to start all over with the selection of a jury.

Chief Justice Edward C. Eicher, presiding at the trial in federal district court, said developments made it impossible to impanel a jury before midnight, expiration date for the present jury panel.

Accordingly, Eicher announced that the trial, which entered its third week today, will start all over again.

The defense lawyer who must "show cause" why he should not be held in contempt is James J. Laughlin of Washington. Eicher sent this proceeding to another judge for a hearing tomorrow.

During the brief Laughlin proceedings, another attorney, Maximilian St. George of Chicago, described the Laughlin contempt citation as a "vicious attempt to intimidate counsel" and Eicher ordered him to be seated.

When St. George continued to speak, the justice calmly remarked, "Mr. St. George, you are fined \$20 for contempt of court."

O. John Rogge and Joseph W. Burns, government prosecutors, obtained the citation against Laughlin on the ground that his numerous motions and petitions had held up the trial.