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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE war war today is bitter bloody, but not spectacular.

THE Germans SEEM at least to be fighting us and the British harder in Normandy than they are fighting the Russians on the eastern front.

Maybe they think they can stop us before we get fully ashore and started, but KNOW they can't stop the Russians—at least short of the actual borders of Germany.

YOU'VE noted that we've been CONSTANTLY hammering at German oil installations—synthetic plants, refineries, etc.

A senior U. S. air officer at our headquarters says today that GROWING SCARCITY of gasoline is having an important effect on the mobility of Nazi ground forces.

There seems little doubt that lack of fuel is seriously hampering the German air force—what is left of it.

THERE are rumors in the air again. Ankara (Turkish capital) reports that "conversations" are afoot which may result in Turkish participation in the war before the end of the summer.

Madrid (Spain) says that Germany has made at least SIX attempts since February to gain a negotiated peace.

A negotiated peace is about all the Germans have left to fight for.

AN oddly interesting little tale comes from Moscow today to the effect that, the Russians were interested but NOT SURPRISED by FDR's announcement that he wants a fourth term.

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Langlie Heavy Winner in Washington GOP Primary

SEATTLE, July 12—(AP)—With more primary election votes than the other four candidates of both major parties combined, republican Arthur B. Langlie was assured today of renomination for a second term as Washington's governor.

On the basis of 1265 precincts out of the state's 3164, the governor polled 72,171 votes to 18,528 for Maj. Louis Wasmer, Spokane radio station owner and his principal opponent for the republican nomination. U. S. Sen. Mon C. Wallgren, unopposed for the democratic nomination, polled 40,221 in the same number of precincts.

In the other major statewide campaign, Rep. Warren G. Magnuson of Seattle won the democratic nomination for senator overwhelmingly.

In the 11-man contest for the republican nomination for the senate seat which will be vacated by Sen. Homer T. Bone when he steps to the federal court bench, Maj. Harry Cain, youthful Tacoma mayor on leave with the armed forces in Europe, held a commanding lead.

Education Is Postwar Problem, Kiwanians Told

Cooperation of communities with the school system will be necessary to meet adjustments following the war, Paul Elliott, acting city superintendent of schools, told the Roseburg Kiwanis club at its regular Tuesday luncheon program. Serious minded people are apprehensive over the problem of training boys and girls for good citizenship in the postwar period, Elliott said, pointing out that the future peace of the world depends upon the training of youth following victory.

German Tanks Hit Lines Hard In Normandy

Desperate Attempt Made To Stop Our Advance—Russians Still Gain

By DWIGHT PITKIN
(Associated Press War Editor)
German counter-attacks executed at a heavy cost in armor have thwarted spectacular breakthroughs by the allies on the offensive in Normandy but "they were held and we have made some gains," supreme headquarters announced today.

The Germans had less success on the eastern front. The red army which in a year has all but cleared pre-1939 Russia of the invader blazed away against faltering German lines. Carving out fresh gains, the Russians drove westward from a point less than 50 miles east of the east Prussian border, Moscow said that if the pace persisted the fighting would reach German soil by the end of the week.

On the Normandy front, Marshal Rommel's counter-attack against the British captors of Caen appeared to have spent its fury at a cost of 50 German tanks in a two-day battle up to dusk last night, AP's War Correspondent Roger Greene reported. One German tank regiment was virtually wiped out in fighting around hill 112, Malto, and Louviere.

Counterattacks along the whole Normandy battle line had cost the Germans 124 tanks. Allied planes destroyed 28 tanks and damaged 16 more near St. Lo, Tottot and Vimont. The toll of German tanks in 72 hours figured.

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Six Die When Plane Falls in Trailer Camp

SOUTH PORTLAND, Me., July 12—(AP)—The death toll in Maine's worst aviation tragedy reached 15 early today and seven of scores injured when a light army plane ploughed into a war workers' camp of 100 trailers and blew up were reported in danger of dying.

The identified dead: Lt. Phillip I. Russell, 23 (CO) of South Portland and Staff Sgt. Wallace Mifflin, of Seattle, the plane's crew; Edward A. Gerrish, 32, Orono shipyard worker; James Little, four; Nancy Little, two Gordon Goddard, 42; and George Robertson, nine months. The plane was from Barksdale field, Louisiana.

Picking Vice-President Democrats' Only Remaining Chore; Wallace Leads

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON, July 12—(AP)—President Roosevelt, having accepted in advance a fourth term nomination which long had been assured, was reported ready today to recommend—but not demand—a second term for Vice-President Wallace.

The decision clinching the nomination ahead of time produced confidence that Mr. Roosevelt probably would pass up a formal acceptance speech to the democratic national convention, either in person or by radio.

Selection of a vice-presidential candidate is the single major chore remaining for the convention starting a week from today in Chicago. Mr. Roosevelt is expected to lend a hand with it by nudging the delegates toward Wallace.

Wallace Decision Up
Today or tomorrow, the chief executive may let it be known that Wallace is his preference for a running mate, but that the convention is free to make its own choice.

Four years ago, he refused to accept renomination until Wallace was guaranteed second place. But the president laid aside the weapon he used in 1940 when he announced yesterday that: "If the convention should nominate me for the presidency, I shall accept. If the people elect me, I will serve."

Clifford Collins Is Made Major



Major Clifford Collins

A former Roseburg resident now stationed at Mather field, Calif., this week received an elevation in rank from captain to major. He is Major Clifford D. Collins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Collins of Roseburg, Ore.

An alumnus of the University of Oregon, Major Collins enlisted for cadet training in September of 1940, and received his wings and commission of second lieutenant upon graduating from advanced training in April of 1941. He served as a basic training instructor for one year, saw patrol duty south of the border, and thereafter served as an instructor with heavy bombardment groups training throughout the country.

Major Collins was assigned to Mather field in October, 1943, after completing a course in instrument training at Bryan A. B. Texas. At Mather he undertook B-25 transition training and upon his graduation was assigned as commanding officer of the Mather field instrument school. Following this he was assigned as group commanding officer for the instrument training group. He is now director of instrument training at Mather field.

While at the University of Oregon, Major Collins was a member of the Scabbard and Blade, military honorary organization of ROTC cadets, and a member of the Oregon rifle team.

4th Term Statement Doesn't Surprise Reds

MOSCOW, July 12—(AP)—President Roosevelt's announcement that he would accept nomination for a fourth term was featured in heavy black type in final editions of Moscow newspapers this morning. Large headlines were used in the makeovers.

The Russians evinced no surprise.

The 1944 strategy emphasized a belief of many democrats that, with a presidential pat on the back, Wallace will be left to fend for himself against a dozen other potential nominees.

Thus it looks like a horse race, with Wallace in the hole position; for his backers claim he is assured 319 of the 589 convention votes required for renomination.

Much Opposition
Plenty of opposition to the Iowa exists within the party, however, particularly in its southern elements. And Capitol Hill heard talk of organized campaigns for such other possibilities as Senate Majority Leader Barkley and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

Wallace, just back from a trip to China and Siberia, is staying away from his office. But he is seeing numerous politically-minded people at his hotel.

He lunched with Mr. Roosevelt yesterday, soon after the latter's fourth term pronouncement, played a couple of sets of tennis in Washington's searing heat, but had nothing at all to say about his own political position.

He did issue a statement declaring Mr. Roosevelt's fourth term announcement "a great relief" to tens of millions of Americans and to hundreds of millions in the allied world.

Japs Pounded From Ceram To the Kuriles

New Smash Expected Now That Saipan Has Been Conquered

By J. B. KRUEGER
(Associated Press War Editor)

Pacific Commanders Nimitz and MacArthur blandly left it to the Japanese today to ponder where the next big American smash would fall in the accelerating drive across the Pacific, now that Saipan has been overwhelmed.

Non-committally they hammered at enemy strongholds stretched across the 4,000 watery miles from Ceram to the Kuriles. The smashes, by warship and sea and land planes, aided in consolidating the Saipan and Noemfoor island victories but were too wide for that alone. Tokyo had its feelers out, broadcasting that a very powerful enemy fleet was prowling the waters off Tinian, just south of Saipan. On the latter island U. S. infantry and marines mopped up, even capturing some Japanese swimming out to sea.

Japs Jittery.
"Enemy raids against our positions around Saipan are increasing in intensity," the Tokyo radio said. Between July 1 and 10, it added, 770 allied aircraft raided Guam, another island in the Marianas group with Saipan. "Some damage was suffered by our side," Tokyo conceded.

The persistent navy blows against remaining Marianas islands were outlined yesterday by Adm. Nimitz, who listed a warship shelling Guam and air raids against Pagan island north of Saipan, Parnashiro and Shumushu in the Kuriles north of Japan, and on Truk.

Gen. MacArthur's southwest Pacific fliers raided Ceram and Halmahera in the east Indies; Solomons, Maffin bay, Aitape and Wewak on New Guinea, and Palau, Yap, Woleai, New Ireland, New Britain and Bougainville.

B-29s Feared.
Tokyo, fearing the super-torment menace, announced 30,000 children had been removed from the city to safer districts.

The Chinese were stemming the Japanese tide endangering Hengyang, capturing Yungfeng, 45 miles to the northeast and putting up a stout battle with another force near Liling 80 miles northeast of the strategic rail city. U. S. planes destroyed 50 supply.

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Japs Are Evacuating Children From Tokyo

NEW YORK, July 12—(AP)—A Tokyo broadcast says: approximately 300,000 school children had been evacuated from Tokyo to rural districts since July 7 in line with the Japanese government's plan to move children from important Japanese cities as a precaution against further American air raids.

The broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, said that "thus far, third to sixth grade school children having provincial relatives have been evacuated from important cities throughout the country, while relatives have been evacuated throughout the islands."

Windows Shattered at Benson School Building

An investigation is being made into a serious act of vandalism at the Benson school, Chief of Police Erwin Short reported today. Approximately 40 windows in the school building have been broken by rock throwers, the officer stated.

Says Japs Will Fold If Starved and Bombed

PORTLAND, July 12—(AP)—Japanese military leaders will hoist the white flag when the allies sever food imports and heavily bomb their cities, Willis Church Lamott, a teacher in Japan for 19 years, predicted in an interview. He was ejected from Japan in 1937 for his writings.



FIRE DAMAGES MYRTLE CREEK MILL—The Umpqua Lumber company mill at Myrtle Creek will be closed for one to two weeks while repairs are made to the boiler room where fire started early today in the fuel compartment. E. W. Picco, owner-manager, announced belief the boilers were not seriously damaged, but roof and conveyor must be restored. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The above photo was made while the mill was in process of construction.

Willkie Backers Approve Dewey Foreign Policy

By CHARLES H. PALMER

ALBANY, N. Y., July 12—(AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey settled down today to a relatively quiet day after meetings with three New England republican delegations which saw the G. O. P. presidential nominee's foreign policy stand endorsed by two former supporters of Wendell L. Willkie.

Latest to discuss with Dewey a proposed international organization to maintain peace was Rep. Clare Boothe Luce, one of six Connecticut members of congress who visited the governor yesterday.

The subject came up when the Connecticut congresswoman, who recently was reported trying to bring Dewey and Willkie together, was asked by reporters if international affairs were mentioned in the Dewey conference. She replied:

"It seems to be in the minds of all of us that there is a vast agreement in the party and the United States that America will, must and wants to join an international organization which will keep peace with other nations—and now I use his own (Dewey's) words—'By force if necessary.'"

Mrs. Luce declined to speculate on whether Willkie would approve Dewey's foreign policy stand, confining herself to a statement that she believed the 1940 republican presidential nominee would do "the right thing" and that she thought he would support the party.

Industry Reconversion Program On Despite Military Opposition

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON, July 12—(AP)—Donald M. Nelson's program for "reconversion in miniature," fought by the army and navy in one of Washington's most explosive inter-agency struggles, will go into partial effect Saturday and full effect August 15.

In a compromise announced last night the war production board chairman agreed to postpone until mid-August of his most important part of his program—an order which would permit manufacturers to make civilian goods under restricted or banished entirely, upon approval from WPB field offices.

This step, one of four orders which Nelson described as "industrial preparations for peace," will mean at the start a slight increase in civilian goods, through the use of plants and workers not needed in the war effort.

Ultimately, however, it is intended to provide the machinery for giving work to men and machines left idle by the deep cutbacks in arms production which will come when Germany falls. The other three orders—all vital to industry but of less immediate concern to consumers—will appear at seven-day intervals starting Saturday with the lifting of curbs on the use of aluminum and magnesium.

The staggered schedule of effective dates was agreed upon by all factions, WPB announced, "in order to give the war manpower commission more time to perfect its organization and administrative controls."

Gas Shortage Is Believed To Be Hampering Nazis

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 12—(AP)—American air attacks on 64 German oil installations have curtailed the enemy's petroleum production to a point where the shortage is having an important effect on the mobility of Nazi ground forces, a senior U. S. air force officer declared today.

The objective of thwarting German mobility has been "achieved," this officer said.

He said the German air force, the other chief object of United States air attacks in recent months, was decreasing in strength in France. He said the Nazi force had lost more planes than the Germans could produce every month since January.

In six months, the U. S. strategic air forces have hit 51 oil refineries, 13 synthetic plants and 89 aircraft factories in attacks from Britain and Italy, and recently from Russia.

The forces have destroyed 6,109 German planes in the air and 1,546 on the ground since January. This German loss of 7,655 planes compares to American losses of 3,425. Of these 2,339 were four-engined bombers and 1,086 were fighters.

The senior officer disclosed that recent industrial targets included plants working on jet-engine propulsion, which is used in the robots bombarding London.

He said the United States, Britain and Russia were in agreement on priorities regarding the different types of targets and added: "There will be additional attacks on the German fighter plane industry whenever needed."

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Children's Playground Opened at Junior High

A playground for children has been opened on the grounds opposite the junior high school building at Rose and Washington streets, where supervised recreation will be provided daily, except Sunday, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., Mel Ingram, supervisor of the summer recreation program, announced today.

Slides, teeters, volleyball courts and other equipment has been installed.

Plans are being formed for construction of a wading pool, which has been designed as a tennis court and roller skating rink when not in use for wading purposes. It is hoped to get construction started soon, Ingram stated. The playground will be under the supervision of Miss Ann Elliott, a student from Willamette university.

Boiler Room Blaze Closes The Picco Mill

Business District Of Canyonville Menaced By Tuesday's Fire

Fire early this morning damaged the boiler room of the Umpqua Lumber company mill at Myrtle Creek, following closely upon a blaze which destroyed one residence, damaged another and caused minor damage to two business buildings at Canyonville, where the entire business section of town was threatened for a period of two hours Tuesday.

The Canyonville fire, was controlled after destroying the James Farmer residence and burning the roof of the John Hamlin home, while doing roof damage to the buildings occupied by the Pastime club and Bridge Tavern.

Mill Building Saved
At Myrtle Creek this morning, the blaze was kept confined to the concrete boiler room. Lack of wind prevented sparks from being blown into the main structure, a mill recently constructed at a cost in excess of \$35,000.

Damage is expected to be comparatively light, but the mill will be closed down from one to two weeks while repairs are made. E. W. Picco, owner-manager, reported. The boilers were not believed to be damaged seriously.

The mill's boiler room is constructed of concrete with a metal roof. The fire, which apparently started in the fuel compartment, about 3:45 a. m. today caused collapse of the roof and the Cyclone conveyor leading from the planer shed.

Fire Engine Damaged
The Myrtle Creek fire department was handicapped by the fact that bearings of its fire engine were burned out Tuesday, when the equipment was sent to aid Canyonville, leaving Myrtle Creek without pumping facilities for this morning's blaze.

The Roseburg fire department went to the aid of both Canyonville and Myrtle Creek, putting the newly-installed mutual aid pumper to its first real tests. The Douglas Forest Protective association's pumper also was taken to Myrtle Creek and boys from the South Myrtle Creek and Riddle fire guard stations were called in to aid the volunteer firemen in both towns.

Residence Destroyed
The fire at Canyonville started in the Farmer residence, a large, two-story, frame structure. Unable to extinguish the blaze, the Canyonville fire department devoted its energies to saving the two adjoining structures, the Pastime club and Bridge Cafe, owned by George McClane, while appeals for help were sent to Myrtle Creek and Roseburg. The Roseburg pumper arrived at a

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Farm Loan Business Showing Large Growth

R. L. Strickle, secretary-treasurer of the Roseburg National Farm Loan association, stated today that new Federal Farm Loan business is decidedly on the up grade.

"Our district has exceeded the goal set by the bank for the first half of 1944," Mr. Strickle said, and we have closed more loans for the first half of this year than the total business of 1943. The newcomers to Oregon are finding it to their advantage to finance their farms over a longer term period.

The Federal Loan Bank has recently announced reamortization of all existing mortgages at 4 per cent which is decidedly a new departure in the Federal Loan business as many of the old mortgages were written for as high as 6 1/2 per cent. This was made possible by the bank refinancing their bond indebtedness at a lower rate. We know of no other mortgage company which has voluntarily reduced its interest rate on existing mortgages. This is only one instance of the liberal policy of the land bank to pass on to borrowers the saving in administrative costs."

Officers Appalled by Scene at Site of Wreck

State Policeman Sherman Morris, Chief of Police Erwin Short and City Officer O. A. Kemmerly, sped last night to the Riverside school following a report that an automobile was overturned beside the roadway. The officers heard sounds of movement beneath the wrecked vehicle and rushed forward with their flashlights, but promptly backed away from the appalling scene. A skunk had the situation in hand. Officers learned later that no one had been injured in the accident.