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ROMMEL'S ORNE RIVER DEFENSES SMASHED; SIX RED ARMIES KNIFE NAZIS' EASTERN FRONT

Battle Shifts Five Miles Beyond Caen

Normandy Casualties of
Foe in 6 Weeks 156,000,
Gen. Montgomery Says

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 19—(AP)—British and Canadian troops breaching Marshal Rommel's Orne river defenses crashed through the Caen suburb of Faubourg de Vaucelles into open tank country to the southeast today and a field dispatch said they had penetrated at least five miles, reaching Cagny on the main road to Vimont.

On the western portion of the Normandy front American units mopped up and occupied strategic St. Lo, cutting off a force of Germans in a salient two and one-half miles deep north of the town. The Yanks also cut the St. Lo-Periers road between the Taute and Vire rivers south of the village of Amigny, which is in American hands.

A front dispatch said the Germans had pushed back one to two miles along most sectors of the 4-mile American front. After withdrawing to ridges south of St. Lo, the Nazis periodically shelled the town's rubble streets.

Rommel Battered Desperately
The supreme command announced that Montgomery's mopping up troops had cleared half of Faubourg de Vaucelles of Germans, and said that the main battle line had passed on south-east into the plains beyond, where Rommel was throwing in tank forces in a frantic effort to stem the allied drive of armor and explosives.

Montgomery made no statement concerning specific gains, contenting himself with the announcement that his troops had breached the Germans' Orne defenses. This is the side of the front toward Paris, 120 miles to the east.

Swarms of allied planes, striking the heaviest air blows ever

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE biggest news from Europe as this is written is CLEAR WEATHER in France.

Our planes are going in for blood—giving support to the infantry, tangling up German communications and ranging far and wide over Germany itself.

THE weather has been one important reason for our slow progress in Normandy. We have overwhelming air strength, but we haven't been able to make full use of it because of persistently vile flying conditions.

AMERICANS are in the edges of St. Lo, where the Germans (taking a leaf from the book of the burrowing Japs) have dug deep tunnels and underground forts—as at Cassino.

It takes time (and lives) to dig them out.

THE Germans too are paying a heavy cost in lives.

One Nazi prisoner at St. Lo relates that on the morning of last Thursday his company went with a strength of 160 men; by noon Sunday, only 80 were left. Another tells of only 30 men left in his company, with its supporting artillery cut to ribbons by American counter fire.

That is what is known as WAR OF ATTRITION. When we've killed ENOUGH Germans, the war will be over.

IN Normandy, we're fighting for room to USE OUR STRENGTH. The Germans are fighting des-

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Named Red Cross Head by F. D. R.



D. Basil O'Connor, above, long-time friend and former law partner of President Roosevelt, is the new national chairman of the American Red Cross, having been appointed by the president to succeed the late Norman H. Davis.

Errors of Hitler Rapped by Captive German General

MOSCOW, July 19—(AP)—The Russian press published today a statement by Gen. Edmund Hofmeister, captured commander of the 41st German tank corps, declaring a disagreement among Hitler's generals over strategy on the eastern front was costing a great toll of lives and prisoners.

The captured general's statement as published in Soviet news papers, criticized Hitler's insistence on holding ground and refusing to retreat unless bludgeoned from positions.

"Field Marshal (Ernest) Busch (commander of the central front between the Pripyat marshes and Baltic states, the area of the most spectacular Russian advances of 300 miles or more) told me Hitler forbade any retreat," Gen. Hofmeister's published statement said. "Hitler ordered every inch of occupied country defended. Although I considered the order wrong, I had to obey."

"I want to say the defeat in White Russia is an example of the talented command of Hitler. When Marshals Brauchitsch, List and von Rundstedt and others tried to point out errors, they were discharged."

Storm Damages Klamath Crops, Sets Many Fires

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 19—(AP)—A violent electrical storm, accompanied by wind, rain and hail, swept over the Klamath area and surrounding mountains last night, causing spotted damage to crops, interrupting power service, and setting numerous fires in woods and bush land.

Grain, potato and garden crops were reported damaged in the Merrill-Mallin district, and concern was expressed here over possible damage to headed grain in Tule and Lower Klamath Lake areas. Lightning set fire to a potato warehouse near Malin, but the fire department from that town put out the blaze before it had done much damage.

Electric service was still out this morning in various rural districts of the basin. Damage to power facilities was reported from Tule Lake on the south to Fort Klamath on the north.

Fire Destroys Cabin
Fire Tuesday afternoon destroyed a small one-room cabin located off Micell street, Roseburg, and burned over a field of tall grass. The cabin was occupied by Lee H. Carrington, and was situated between the railroad track and the river. The building was completely destroyed.

Housing Need Here Draws Govt. Action

Building Priorities to
Be Granted Workers in
Essential Industries

Recognizing the critical need for housing facilities in the Roseburg area, the National Housing Agency is prepared to approve priorities for workers in essential industries, who have become residents of the district.

Ten priorities for construction of residences are available at Glide, it was announced today by James E. Maxwell, representative of the National Housing Agency. These priorities originally were obtained by the school district, but are not to be used by that body and are now available to residents who can qualify.

since July 1, 1941, to permit residence construction through private capital, James E. Maxwell, housing representative, announced here today.

Mr. Maxwell met last night with directors of the Roseburg chamber of commerce and approved chamber plans for registration of prospective builders.

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Nazi Robot Bombs Rained on London, Southern England

LONDON, July 19—(AP)—London and southern England were targets of the greatest 24-hour robot bomb attack last night and today since the German weapon first was loosed June 15.

Gen. Eisenhower's Invasion headquarters interpreted the attack as an effort to divert the might of allied air power which has been stunning German troops across the channel with an unprecedented deluge of bombs.

The number of flying bombs, launched from the Calais coast of France, increased noticeably with the start of the British offensive below Caen and it was apparent that the German command had decided to strike the civilian population of England in a gamble to pull away some of the 7,350 planes that pounded the German war machine in the reich and France yesterday.

Last definite figures announced for robot bomb casualties were given to commons by Winston Churchill July 6. At the time 2,752 had been killed and 8,000 hospitalized, mainly in the "bombardment of London."

The Germans tried a new technique by launching bombs in salvos, like artillery barrages, but failed to divert allied air power from striking full force at the heart of Germany and the Normandy battle fields, instead of the bomb launching platforms near the channel.

Some bombs tore into the ground or into buildings in powder dives with their engines still running. Others followed the orthodox pattern, crashing and exploding a few seconds after the engines quit.

British civilians went grimly about their business.

R. L. Preston Appointed Constable Pro Tem

Appointment of R. L. Preston, to serve as constable of Deer Creek precinct until the November election was announced by the county court today. The appointment was made to fill the place made vacant by the recent death of A. J. Liburn.

Mr. Preston, a veteran of the first World war, has been very active in veterans affairs in the state and county for a number of years. He operates a poultry farm at Green.

Death Toll in Ships Horror Around 350

Exact Casualties Count
At Pt. Chicago Difficult;
Investigators Baffled.

PORT CHICAGO, Calif., July 19—(AP)—Reconstruction of the navy's Port Chicago ammunition depot began today as the death toll in the nation's worst wartime explosion approximated 350.

All available construction workers were urged to report immediately to the devastated area where the explosions of two ammunition ships late Monday night shattered the munitions base and the town of 1,500 as well.

The blasts, two seconds apart, shook 14 counties and their earthquake-like effects were felt 80 miles away.

The cause remained undetermined. Navy and Federal Bureau of investigation agents were on hand for an investigation, but the devastation left little to investigate.

"There are no close survivors to give evidence of what happened," said Capt. N. H. Goss, who had jurisdiction over the depot. Navy Suffers Most

Official sources gave this approximation of the known death toll: 200 to 250 navy enlisted men.

9 naval officers.

70 maritime commission seamen.

36 members of navy armed guard crews.

5 coast guardsmen.

3 civilian railroad workers.

Additional deaths were quite possible. An exact count of the dead was difficult because the explosions were so terrific they killed.

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"Unloaded" Gun Brings Death to Small Boy

PORTLAND, July 19—(AP)—An "unloaded" gun was blamed today for the accidental fatal shooting of seven-year-old Ronald P. Fritts, route 1, Eagle Creek, by a playmate.

Glenn MacDonald state police officer, gave this account of the accident:

Ronald, his sister Betty, 9, and David Taylor 10 were alone in the Taylor home. David brought out his father's rifle loaded it with cartridges and ejected them to show how it worked.

"Shoot me," Ronald said in fun. David did and Ronald fell dead with a bullet in his neck.

Relief in Tire Situation to Keep Logging Industry Rolling Not Yet In Sight, Local OPA Office Says

The logging industry is facing a complete shutdown unless immediate relief is found for the tire situation, and, from information received, it is indicated no such relief is in sight, L. V. Ham-

mock stated, has made inventory of all dealer and fleet owner tire stocks in Douglas county. Dealer stocks are extremely low and many sizes are completely out of stock. Several trucks already are out of operation through inability to secure tires, even though purchase certificates have been granted, the chairman stated.

District OPA offices, Hammock said, have been issued instructions to refuse certificates to all operators who fail to recap their tires promptly, when such action is indicated, or to those who abuse tires by overloading and speeding. State police reports on overloads, speeding or other abuse of equipment, will be made available to the OPA, Hammock said he had been informed, and this evidence will be used against applicants for tire purchase certificates.

The situation is so critical, Hammock stated, that the district offices have been issued instructions to grant no certificates for new tires until trucks are actually out of operation.

County Inventory Made
A representative of the Office of Defense Transportation, Ham-

Pocketing of Entire Foe in Region Plan

Lwow, Rail Center, and
Brest Litovsk, Western
Gateway, Face Assaults

MOSCOW, July 19—(AP)—Six Russian armies poured through huge holes today in Hitler's eastern front—from Marshal Konev's new 125-mile-wide breakthrough on the south to Gen. Yeremenko's drive into the Soviet Latvian republic on the north, now 20 miles inside the border.

Significant objectives were just ahead from one end to the other of the battlefield, which was extended to 550 miles in length by the new offensive set off by Konev's First Ukraine army Sunday between Lwow and Kowel.

Konev's tanks and infantry already were less than 10 miles from the Polish border (as delineated by the Germans and Russians in 1939) at two places north-east of Lwow and were across the Bug river at Selets Belski, south of Sokol.

Lwow Itself Menaced

(By London estimates Konev was within five miles of the frontier—from which Germany attacked Russia—through capture of Skomorokh, on the Bug river five miles below the point where the line swings southwestward beyond Lwow. Skomorokh is 45 miles north of Lwow.)

Konev's forces were closing in upon Lwow itself, one column dealt on a concentrated battle area, dumped between 7,000 and 9,000 tons on German positions yesterday. Incomplete reports said the allies accounted for at least 72 German planes over France and Germany.

This mighty aerial blow literal-

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Drain Child Falls Into Creek, Drowns

EUGENE, Ore., July 19—(AP)—Barbara Joan Smith of Drain was drowned near that town last night, reports reaching here said today. The two and one-half-year old girl followed a dog down to a pasture when he went after cows, but on the way evidently slipped and fell into Smith creek. Efforts of a doctor at Cottage Grove to revive her failed.

Roosevelt Gives 2nd Choice Approval to Sen. Truman

World Peace Views Aired At Convention

United Nations Police
Force Urged; Revolt on
Race Issue Is Staged

CHICAGO, July 19—(AP)—Mrs. J. Borden Harriman appealed to democratic platform drafters today for a declaration of an international organization armed with police powers to enforce its decisions.

Asserting the American people will condemn those "who play political tag with the future of the world," the former minister to Norway declared that what the people want "is an endorsement of the good old American principle of collective security."

A tense behind-the-scenes struggle over the racial issue bedeviled the platform committee as it drove public hearings toward a close with a forum on foreign policy.

Mrs. Harriman, speaking for Americans united for world organization, said groups upholding her viewpoint, do not propose to leave their case "in the rarefied atmosphere of academic gentlemen" who "mumble into their beards" over intricate points.

Proposal Offered
Ely Culbertson, the bridge expert, speaking for the "fight for total peace" organization, proposed:

A permanent voluntary international organization based on renouncing wars of aggression, and which will preserve sovereignty.

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Fifth Army Takes Livorno as Poles Capture Ancona

ROME, July 19—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Clark's Fifth army captured Livorno today, executing a wide pincer movement which forced the Germans from this third largest seaport in Italy a few hours after Polish troops had seized Ancona, important port on the Adriatic.

Livorno (Leghorn) lies only a few miles from Pisa, western anchor of the next German defense line.

No effort to defend the city street by street was made by the German troops, who previously had resorted to every military device in their efforts to dodge and delay the American advance.

The harbor of Livorno, the busiest between Rome and Genoa, is the grave of many sunken ships, mostly victims of the allied air forces. To the north, astride the Arno river, Pisa is clearly visible.

The allies scored another stinging victory on the east coast in the capture of Ancona by Eighth army Poles. The city occupies an amphitheater between limestone promontories bordering the bay of Ancona and has one of Italy's best harbors. It is the nearest port to the Yugoslav coast across the Adriatic.

More than 2,000 prisoners and large quantities of war material were taken by the Polish troops, who today were pursuing the retreating enemy relentlessly northward.

The fall of Ancona came after a 75-mile advance against stubborn resistance offered by two German divisions which finally were forced to retire when the Poles smashed through their lines west of the city.

Further inland, as the result of a swift advance, American troops drove a wedge between German forces south of the Arno by capturing the town of Pontedera and cutting the direct east-west road between Pisa and Florence.

In the central sector of the front, British troops of the Fifth army made new gains west of Arezzo, sweeping across the Arno river on a front of six miles.

Albany Municipal Pool Claims Life of Boy

ALBANY, Ore., July 19—(AP)—Lloyd William Bradley, 8, was drowned in the municipal pool here last night.

The boy, who could not swim, was seen going into the pool at 6 p. m. His body was discovered by another child about an hour later.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Allen Bradley, is in a Salem hospital with a three-day-old baby.

Wields Gavel at Demo Assembly



Indian senator, Samuel D. Jackson, above, is the permanent chairman of the democratic national convention in Chicago. Senator Jackson, barely 49, entered the senate from Indiana last January.

Guam Battering Continues; Toll of Jap Ships Upped

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 19—(AP)—Battleships, using spotter planes, are blowing up Japanese defenses on Guam at can't miss range while southwest Pacific bombers send to the ocean bottom the men and supplies needed by other hard-pressed enemy garrisons.

This outline of late developments—piled on those which already have caused Japan to reshuffle top army and navy posts—was sketched today in reports of Adm. Nimitz and Gen. MacArthur.

Nimitz said that battleships, battering Guam Sunday for the second straight day, moved in closer to pick their targets and that enemy anti-aircraft guns firing on the spotter planes were silenced by offshore destroyers. Cruisers also joined in the attack.

Heavy Toll Listed

MacArthur announced new aerial blows against Japanese shipping in the southwest Pacific making the totals listed in 19 July communiques:

Twenty-five ships definitely sunk, ranging up to 4,600 ton freighter.

Four ships probably sunk, ranging from 1,000 to 3,000 tons.

Twenty-one ships damaged, ranging up to a 10,000 ton merchantman, some of which may have sunk.

More than 150 supply barges destroyed or damaged.

Ships laden with Jap soldiers, ammunition and fuel are being spotted by bombers off Halmahera Island, indicative of enemy concern over outpost defenses for the Philippines. MacArthur said today his air patrols left a 3,000-ton freighter-transport afire and dead in the water in that vicinity Tuesday.

Yesterday he reported the sinking within 10 minutes of another such bombed ship, jammed with enemy troops and supplies.

On British New Guinea, 878 Nipponese have been killed recently in the unsuccessful attempt to break out of a MacArthur-set trap west of Wewak.

900 Cases of U. S.-Held Eggs Become Spoiled

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19—(AP)—About 900 cases of government-held eggs have been converted into stock feed or destroyed here recently, the Oregonian said today.

The newspaper quoted Claude L. Reiser, an official of the Food Distribution administration, as reporting the eggs unfit for human consumption from spoilage in storage and transit from the mid-west. The paper valued the eggs at more than \$13,000.

Woman Beats Forest Fire

BEND, Ore., July 19—(AP)—A woman lookout in the Deschutes national forest was credited by rangers today with extinguishing a menacing forest fire after a two and one-half hour battle, aided by her son.

She is Margaret D. Clark who skippered a holiday schooner operating out of New York before she came to Oregon last year.

Supporters Of Wallace Set for Scrap

President Assured 4th
Term Nomination; Byrd
Backing Insignificant

CHICAGO STADIUM, July 19—(AP)—President Roosevelt was reported authoritatively to have listed Senator Harry Truman of Missouri and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas as his second and third choices for the vice presidential nomination at the democratic convention opening today.

Word of the president's choices—he previously had endorsed Vice President Henry A. Wallace as his No. 1 selection—spread rapidly among delegates as they filtered into Chicago's huge stadium for the convention's first session.

Those in a position to know said that a communication from the president to National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan led to the action of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes in directing earlier in the day that his name not be placed in nomination for second place.

Byrnes wrote Senator Burnet R. Maybank of South Carolina that "in deference to the wishes of the president," he was not a candidate. Previously he had been one of the leading contenders for a nomination which Wallace is campaigning for personally.

Truman Camp Busy

The president's reported listing of Truman, who has the support of the 32-vote Missouri delegation, gave swift impetus to a drive by his friends to make him the leading contender against Wallace. Byrnes was said to have promised Truman his support.

There has been little apparent activity for Douglas and his

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Storm Sets Fires In Douglas Woods

Observers on forest lookouts were on the alert today following an electric storm which scattered 23 lightning fires through forests in the Cascade range in Douglas county. All known fires were under control today, but strict watch is being kept for "sleepers," V. V. Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua National forest, reported. Fires on the national forest included two in the South Umpqua district, nine in the Diamond lake area, one in the North Umpqua and four in the Bohemia regions.

Fred Southwick, supervising warden of the Douglas Forest Protective association, reported seven fires widely scattered in the foothills west of the Pacific highway and ranging from Myrtle Creek to Drain. No fire reached more than a quarter acre in area.

The storm followed a maximum temperature of 92 degrees, registered Tuesday at the Roseburg office of the U. S. weather bureau.

Mexican Volcano Erases 2 Towns, Perils 3 Others

MEXICO CITY, July 19—(AP)—Millions of tons of molten lava pouring along a 25-mile front from Paricutin, Mexico's newborn volcano, have engulfed two towns and are threatening to wipe out three others.

Paricutin, the town from which the volcano takes its name, and Parangaricutiro, already are buried.

The lava is moving 200 yards a day toward Zacan, San Francisco Pariban and Zirosto, which have been partly evacuated. Residents also are leaving other towns farther ahead.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

During the first 5 months of 1944, the average traveling speed of Oregon motor vehicles was the highest in the nation. Paraphrase a line in Bryant's "Thanatopsis" to read: "Where rolls the Oregonians and hear naught save their own dashings."