

RENNES CAPTURED IN DRIVE OF AMERICANS

Keep On Buying

The 5th war loan is over but the war isn't. Don't wait for the 6th drive. Steady, continuous buying of bonds means less on the national quota when the next call comes.

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In the Day's News

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THE news from France is big in itself. It may portend even BIGGER news.

OUR Americans cross from Normandy into Brittany (with its great seaport of Brest lying at the western tip of another peninsula). At the same time the British launch a drive toward the Caen end of the Normandy line to keep the Germans from rushing reinforcements from that area to stop the Americans.

SHAEF (allied supreme headquarters) says the Germans' whole 80-mile front appears SHATTERED and "their disorganized legions are surrendering in droves."

AS nearly as one can judge from the dispatches, the German forces as a whole aren't broken and routed. The correspondents say prisoners are being taken mostly in groups of 15 or 20, hiding in barns and ruined houses. They surrender readily, and some of them complain that their officers deserted them. The picture is one of disorganized units.

WE'RE still fighting in France for ELBOW ROOM.

If you want to understand the picture there, imagine yourself fighting in a corner or a narrow passageway where your elbows hit the walls every time you try to swing a hard one.

Montgomery's present aim is to gain room enough to use his strength effectively. There can be no doubt that he has plenty of strength.

THE correspondents tell us that our Americans are emerging from the difficult hedgerow and grove country of Normandy's Cotentin peninsula.

These hedgerows, spoken of so often in the news, are really DIKES heavily grown with trees. They are fences between small farms. They afford the best kind of protection for a defending force. Every one is a minor fortification.

The groves provide fine cover for the defending Germans.

ONCE we get out into open country, the Germans will not be so heavily favored by natural obstacles and we can use our tanks to better advantage.

The Germans are failing now to stop us from getting elbow room to use our strength. The big question will be whether they can stop us after we get set to go.

That question will be answered in the fulness of time. Hitler Germany's fate hangs on the answer.

THE weather is a little better for a change, with the clouds broken enough to enable our

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Farm Purchasing at Boom Prices Spells Ruin When Peace Restores Normalcy, Secretary Wickard Warns

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Another disastrous farm land boom is developing, Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard said today as he urged would-be purchasers to use extra money to retire debts or to purchase war bonds rather than to buy farm real estate at present inflated values.

"The rate at which farm land prices are rising, coupled with the large number of sales, are unmistakable signposts of an inflationary land spree in under way in many regions," he said.

The secretary's comment were made in connection with an agriculture department survey showing that war markets for farm commodities have boosted land values an average of 42 per cent above the average prevailing in the 1935-39 period.

Wickard said that about a third of the farm purchases are being made by city people, particularly war workers seeking a place to go when the war ends. In too many cases, he added, the city people and war workers, as well as farmers, are paying too much.

Battle Rages 3 Miles From East Prussia

German Soil Shelled by Red Artillery

Warsaw Combat Enters 4th Day; Trap Closing On Nazi Legions in Baltic

MOSCOW, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Fighting raged within three miles of the East Prussian border today as Gen. Cherniakhovsky's Third White Russian army surged forward in a determined drive which promised momentarily to carry the war to German soil.

Russian armor charged savagely upon German defenses before three East Prussian border cities. Russian cannon shelled German soil.

Cherniakhovsky's forces swirled to within 28 miles of Tilsit and 44 of Insterburg, important East Prussian rail cities. Königsberg, East Prussian capital and 18th largest German city of 368,433, was 93 miles away. Five railroads meet at Insterburg, site of iron, machine tool and tile factories.

Front dispatches declared fighting raged three miles from the frontier.

Warsaw Battle Rages

While the campaign for East Prussia was intensified, the battle for Warsaw entered its fourth day of slow, bitter slugging on a 20-mile front involving the eastern suburbs of the Polish capital. The Germans clung to a line of fixed fortifications ringing the burning city and the industrial suburb of Praga, on the east bank of the broad and swift Vistula, against massed bombardment from the ground and sky. (The exiled Polish government in London said 25,000 Polish underground fighters continued a "hard and grim" battle against

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Negro Pugilist Dies Following Knockout

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Lem Franklin, Chicago negro heavyweight, who suffered a brain concussion and partial paralysis when he was knocked out in a bout at Meadowbrook Bowl here July 24, died today in City hospital.

The 28-year-old fighter was removed to the hospital shortly after his fight with Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J., negro, ended in the knockout, and Dr. Herbert Conner had explained that the injuries were attributable to Franklin's fall to the canvas rather than the blows.

Hop Yards Get Mexicans

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—(AP)—From 800 to 900 Mexican laborers will be assigned to the Independence area and about 500 to the Grants Pass district for hop picking late this month, the War Food administration announced today.

Raymond Olson of Local Guard Unit Promoted

SALEM, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Appointment of Raymond G. Olson, Rt. 2, Roseburg, as second lieutenant in the Oregon State Guard was announced today by Acting Adjutant General Ray Olson.

Lieut. Olson is assigned to company A, 17th battalion, with station in Roseburg. He served in the national guard for three years beginning in 1922, and joined the state guard July 3, 1942, as a 1st sergeant.

Senator Clark Blames His Defeat On CIO

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The lead Attorney General Roy McKittick piled up to defeat incumbent Senator Bennett Clark for the democratic senatorial nomination in Tuesday's primary stood at 20,000 today with reports tabulated from 4328 of the state's 4,512 precincts.

Clark conceded his defeat yesterday in a statement blaming the CIO political action committee.

Allied Plans for Postwar Dealing With Germany to Hold Regardless Of Which Army Gets to Berlin First

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Plans for immediate follow-up of the surrender or collapse of Germany are reported here to have been worked out in great detail.

Officials familiar with their provisions said today that they call for full cooperation among the United States, Britain and Russia in the hour of victory.

Early victory forecasts by Prime Minister Churchill yesterday brought a renewed wave of speculation here over what will happen if the Germans surrender first to the Russians, or what difference it will make if they give up instead to British-American forces.

The answer given to both questions in official quarters here is: It will not make any difference. Neither side will make a "separate peace." Either side will accept Germany's unconditional surrender at any time or place—accept it in the name of all the allied powers.

The plans cover two distinct periods.

1. The end of organized resistance. This may cover several days or even weeks or may come as a single orderly surrender. The enemy's eastern front might collapse and the Russians march through to Berlin while British, American and allied troops were still fighting their way forward to Berlin.

2. Occupation. This provides for three-way occupation of Germany by British, Russian and American troops, joint occupation of Berlin, creation of a joint military commission to administer the country and means of getting civil authorities functioning again. Completion of the task of disarming Germany, including destruction or conversion of its armament factories, is called for.

Bandits Hold Up Grand Ronde Bank

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Police spread a net throughout the northwest today for two men who robbed the bank of Grand Ronde, Ore., of \$12,000 yesterday.

Oregon state police said the men, well-dressed and clean shaven, are believed to have driven away in a 1939 gray Ford bearing license plates the first three numbers of which were 203.

J. C. Barry, cashier, reported two men between 35 and 40, one with red hair the other black, asked to cash a check just before closing time. One then stuck a pistol through the cage and asked for money. When Barry held his hands up, one of them ordered:

"Get your hands down—don't be funny."

They then told him to get into the vault, Barry said, but when he protested that he would suffocate they tied his hands behind him and fled with the money in 20, 10, 5 and 1-dollar bills. Barry's cries attracted a passerby who notified police.

National Capital Is Drenched by Downpour

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Washington returned to normal activity today after a 6.22-inch downpour which disrupted the lives of thousands of its residents.

Hundreds of families were forced to evacuate their homes—particularly those in several temporary war housing projects. Hundreds of others were driven from ground floor offices or were long-delayed in returning home from work last night as traffic facilities became tangled.

Almost a foot of water poured into the lobbies of government buildings adjoining the Mall, and historic Constitution avenue was a virtual canal for several hours.

Flying Service Owner Killed in Plane Crash

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—A private passenger plane crashed and burned at the Illinois valley airbase southwest of here yesterday, killing Fred Frank, 25, co-owner of the S & M. Flying service of Dallasport, Wash.

Frank had flown here the previous night to relieve Walter Rupprecht, who had been flying fire crews from the Redwood forest ranger station.

Slayer Indicted

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—A Clackamas county grand jury has indicted Winfield L. Henderson, Sherwood area farmer, on charges of first degree murder and assault while armed with a dangerous weapon. Henderson is accused of the fatal shooting of his 17-year-old daughter, Donna Lee, on his farm July 24.

Peacetime Agenda Drawn By Governors

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Republican governors headed by Presidential Nominee Thomas E. Dewey called today for prompt postwar contract termination in order to speed reconversion of industry to peacetime pursuits when hostilities cease.

In a six-point statement of policy, the 26 republican governors said "the states must share leadership to encourage commerce, industry and agriculture in order to stimulate full employment at good wages and the profitable use of all our production facilities," as soon as the war ends.

In other recommendations, the governors said:

1. The acquisition of land by the federal government may result in threatening "seriously the very existence of many of our states and the loss of local self-government to millions of free American citizens."

2. That war veterans should be permitted to sit down and talk over future job plans "with someone at home who can tell him where to find all the benefits and services available to him from federal, state and local governments or through private endeavors."

3. That state governments "should recognize their responsibilities and use their reserves before asking federal aid on state public works."

4. That the present cooperation between federal and state governments in the construction of highways be continued but that federal gasoline and motor vehicle taxes be distributed equitably among the states.

5. That the national guard remain both as a state force and a reserve component of the army of the United States.

6. That surplus war materials be distributed through normal channels of trade in connection with the reconversion program and that such distribution be primarily through state agencies.

Gas Pump Blast Causes Fire at Lumber Plant

Explosion of a gasoline pump, apparently from static electricity, while the fuel tank of a logging truck was being filled, resulted Wednesday evening in a fire which caused minor damage to the office of the Roseburg Lumber company. The pump was located near the structure and the flames charred the exterior. Interior damage was caused principally by water. The blaze was extinguished with the company's own equipment prior to the arrival of the city fire department.

Silverton Flier One of 17 Killed in Collision

MUROC ARMY AIR BASE, Calif., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Cpl. Kenneth D. Towns, Silverton, Ore., was one of 17 fliers aboard two bombers which collided and crashed Tuesday in the Panamint mountains overlooking Death valley, the army announced last night. His widow, Mrs. Bessie C. Towns, resides at Silverton.

Hope of finding any of the fliers alive has been abandoned.

Congressman Ellsworth Urges Army Authorities to Release Truck Tires To Keep Logging Industry Operating

Release of truck tires requisitioned for military purposes to avoid serious curtailment of the Pacific Northwest lumber industry is being urged upon army officials at Washington, D. C., Congressman Harris Ellsworth of Oregon's Fourth district reported today.

Ellsworth stated he had forwarded information concerning the plight of logging operators to Washington and had been advised that recommendations had been submitted to the army urging a revision of its demands in order that tires may be made available to keep logging trucks in operation.

The congressman stated he also had been informed that heads of several federal agencies have

Heroic Flier Sees Again, Slated for Honor Medal



Sgt. Forrest L. Vosler, above, of Livonia, N. Y., who was blinded and partially paralyzed in a Flying Fortress raid over Bremen last December, will "see" when President Roosevelt pins the Congressional Medal of Honor on his tunic, thanks to six months of army medical miracles. Radio-man Vosler, his eyes gouged by steel fragments, both legs paralyzed and pieces of steel in his chest and hand, continued sending an S. O. S. until his plane crashed into the water, whereupon he crawled out on a wing, rescued an even more badly wounded gunner.

Sutherland Man Freed of Peace Disturbance Count

Norman Wilcox of Sutherland, who had pleaded innocent to a charge of disturbing the peace, was found not guilty, following a trial held Wednesday at the office of Britain S. Slack, city recorder at Sutherland. The complaint against Wilcox was filed by J. D. Owen, owner of the Jug's club, following a reported riot at the tavern last Saturday.

At Tatum, city marshal, reported that Owen allegedly struck Wilcox with a billiard cue in an argument which occurred in Owen's place of business.

Owen brought charges of disturbing the peace against Wilcox. Assault and battery charges are pending against the tavern proprietor.

Truman Quits Senate War Probe Committee

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Over the protest of committee colleagues, Chairman Truman (D., Mo.) resigned today from the senate war investigating committee.

Simultaneously with Truman's action, Hugh Fulton turned in his resignation as chief counsel of the group.

Truman said both republicans and democrats on the committee urged him to remain as chairman at a closed meeting this morning but that he told them "it would not be fair to the committee, because everything I would say might be construed as political, in view of my candidacy for the vice presidency."

36,000 Idle in Labor Rows in Many Areas

(By the Associated Press)

Transportation tieups plagued two major cities today amid continental labor disputes in which the number of idle workers exceeded 36,000.

Philadelphia entered its third day of complete public transport paralysis, looking to President Roosevelt for some action to end the stoppage, and in Montreal, Que., most of the trams disappeared from the streets.

A population total of more than 3,000,000 was affected in two cities. Six thousand trolley, bus and subway workers were out in Philadelphia and 4,000 tramway workers were affected in Montreal.

The Montreal walkout, third within 18 months, developed after a dispute over whether a union shop provision applying to new employees should be put in a contract between the tramway company and the Canadian Brotherhood of railway employees.

Plea Proves Futile

Upgrading of eight Negro employees to become operators was the spark which ignited not only the stoppage but racial disorder in Philadelphia beginning Tuesday. Window smashings and conflicts between whites and Negroes were subdued somewhat last night by a pouring rain but 10,000 regular and auxiliary policemen were on duty, equipped with steel helmets and night sticks.

Small numbers of Philadelphia transportation company employees voluntarily returned to work last night, but only for about two hours. Officials of the CIO Transport Workers union joined Mayor Bernard Samuel in pleading with employees to return to work. The mayor called the stoppage "sabotage of our country's war effort."

Detroit Heavily Affected

Detroit continued as a center of labor trouble. The War Labor board agreed with CIO-United Auto Workers spokesmen that a stoppage of 4,000 at the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co., was a "lock-out" which the company denied. The WLB ordered the company to resume work. The CIO-UAW tempted to end a stoppage of 7,000 at the General Motors' Chevrolet plant.

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Nazis Still Clutch Pisa and Florence

ROME, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The Fifth army has broken German efforts to send counter-attacking forces across the Arno river on both sides of besieged Pisa, near Italy's west coast, allied headquarters announced today.

Eighth army units meanwhile were making fresh dents in the Nazi defense ring around Florence.

Headquarters received reports that the nazis were clearing civilians from stretches of the north bank of the Arno both east and west of Florence. This was viewed as possibly signifying an enemy plan to establish a strong defensive zone fringing Florence on the north side of the river to which a retreat could be made when the present line no longer is tenable.

The Germans meanwhile were having their troubles with Italian patriots.

A proclamation by the Nazi command found posted in the San Ubaldo monastery at Gubbio said that "in the past days criminal elements of the civil population have repeatedly ambushed and shot at German soldiers" and that "by way of punishment for such acts certain villages have been burned down and a number of male inhabitants summarily shot according to law."

French Patriots Slain

LONDON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The German command announced today the slaying of 7,300 French underground fighters and the capture of 4,700 since D-day, June 6.

Yank Power, Speed Upset Foe's Morale

Air Force Deals Havoc To Panzers; Prisoners Pass Total of 85,000

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Bradley's armored columns, pressing at burning speed into the heart of Brittany, have captured Rennes after a two-day advance which carried them 45 miles from Avranches.

The Americans were pushing swiftly toward their old world war base of St. Nazaire, 80 miles beyond Rennes, which is almost in the center of the Breton peninsula. Other west-bound columns were reported in the outskirts of Dinan, after an advance of 35 miles from Avranches.

Bradley's forces thus had opened a wedge 30 miles deep and 35 miles broad in the heart of Brittany in a series of open-field dashes.

Everywhere along a 120-mile front British and Americans were stabbing with manifold thrusts into the flanks of a seemingly bewildered enemy. Canadian troops struck out with a new attack below Caen which imperiled the whole Nazi defense in western France.

Prisoners Nearing 100,000

With the allied bag of German prisoners taken since D-day approaching 100,000, Gen. Montgomery, commander of allied ground forces in France, told the Associated Press at the front:

"We are hitting the Hun a good crack."

St. Malo, a highly important port across the bay of St. Michel from Normandy, apparently was being bypassed by the rampaging American columns which had turned the corner into Brittany.

Dinan is 13 miles south of St. Malo and 100 miles east of the great port of Brest at Brittany's tip.

Rennes, central communications point of Brittany, is but 80 miles north of Brittany's second port, St. Nazaire, at the mouth of the Loire river.

Planes Smash Panzers

Rocket-carrying Typhoons laid the whiplash to the confused enemy armor yesterday, sending 13 tanks to flaming destruction, damaging 19 more and destroying or damaging 128 other vehicles. American fighter bombers over

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Allied Fleet Reported Off Northern Italy

LONDON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The Vichy radio in a broadcast, asserted today "a large fleet of allied landing craft is now cruising the Tyrrhenian sea" and added there were signs that "a new landing in northern Italy or southern France is imminent."

There was no evidence from any other quarters to support the Vichy assertions.

Axis radios on several occasions recently have broadcast similar reports.

Earlier Ration Freeing For Beef Grades Urged

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Meade Hadley, adviser of the Oregon meat council, and R. L. Clark, Portland Livestock exchange secretary, urged that ration points on lower grades of beef be removed now instead of on Aug. 13.

Commercial and utility grade cattle are glutting the Portland market now, they told a war food administration advisory committee, and a cattle run will be under way here within 30 days.

Hammer Slayer Goes to Hospital for Observation

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—George A. Walker, 61, held in connection with the hammer slaying of his wife and the injuring of three other persons at Milton-Freewater Sunday, will spend 30 days in the Eastern Oregon State hospital for observation.

He agreed to the voluntary conclusion of a two-day sanity hearing by county and hospital officials.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

One food on the limited-supply list will at least reduce the accident hazard on the home front: There'll be fewer banana peelings to upset careless pedestrians.