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Conquest of Brittany In Final Stages

Prisoner Take Increases As Campaign Strikes In All Strategic Regions

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 7—(AP)—The Germans today launched their largest counter-attack since the landings in France, using at least four armored divisions between Mortain and Sourdeval in a drive aimed at splitting the Normandy and Brittany forces.

The attack made penetrations up to a depth of three miles in the area of Cherbourg, La Rouse, but was being held and pounded by artillery and air forces.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 7—(AP)—American troops, wheeling toward the east from overwhelmed Brittany, pressed on a 50-mile front today toward Paris, 125 miles away, and the Germans were reported moving some of their administrative offices from the threatened French capital.

To the north, the British thrust a new Paris-pointed spearhead across the Orne on a two-mile front which threatened to sweep away the enemy hinge below Caen where the Germans' week-long stand already was mocked by the American run around their dangling southern flank.

Supported by a close allied naval blockade which already had broken up three German convoys apparently attempting a "little Dunkerque" from Brittany, American armor and infantry teams captured four more towns in the Breton peninsula in the closing stages of an offensive which promised to clinch control soon of the ports of Brest, St. Nazaire, Nantes, Lorient and St. Malo.

St. Malo, an ancient sea fortress and fishing port on Brittany's north coast, was under attack by strong forces, which broke through the outer perimeter of landward defenses at Chateaufort. In spite of the order of the commander to fight until the last man, 500 of a garrison estimated at 2,000 to 3,000 men, surrendered under a bombardment of shells, bombs and leaflets carrying an ultimatum to

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Support Prices Set for Canned Fruit Varieties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—(AP)—Support prices for canned apricots, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail and fruit mix, packed in 1944, were announced today by the War Food Administration.

The WFA said its support price would amount to 85.4 per cent of the average of the highest civilian ceiling prices or 85.4 per cent of the area average ceiling prices for the industry, whichever may be lower.

In addition the program provides that if the canner concurs, the WFA may reimburse the canner for the difference between the appropriate support level and the price below this level at which sales in civilian trade channels are made.

U. S.-Russia Postwar Security Talk Deferred

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—(AP)—Acting Secretary of State Stettinius announced today that the postwar security talks have been postponed until August 21 at the request of Russia.

The Anglo-American-Russian phase of the four-power conversations was scheduled to begin in Washington August 14, with discussions among the United States, Britain and China to follow upon their conclusion.

Stettinius explained that the Russian government found it needed more time for preparation in Moscow before Soviet representatives start for Washington.

Labor Day Fete Here to Be Sponsored by Unions

A Labor day celebration, sponsored by local unions of the American Federation of Labor, will be held in Roseburg, Sept. 4, it was announced today. The unions will sponsor a morning parade, to be followed by a picnic for all union members, their families and friends. A public dance will be arranged to provide entertainment in the evening. Committees are being named to handle the various events and final details will be completed in the near future.

Lovery Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

The western sheep industry is now "taking it on the lam," as they say in gangland. And the presence of an OPA "expert" in Oregon to investigate a situation that requires no investigation evokes from consumer and growers comment which may be summed up in one word: "Baa."

Eleven Japanese Ships Sunk, 30 Others Damaged in U. S. Carrier Raid on Bonin Isles

5 Warships Included in Enemy's Toll

Guam Mop-Up Proceeds; Superfortresses Will Hit Japan From Saipan

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 7—(AP)—Striking within 600 miles of Tokyo, a fast American carrier task force has shelled the Bonin islands for the first time in this war and, in a two-day attack, sunk 11 Japanese vessels—including five warships—and damaged 30 other surface craft.

The shelling leveled Omura, Japanese town on northwestern Chichi, key island of the Bonin group. Carrier planes bombed Chichi, Hara, Moko and Ane islands in the Bonins, and Iwo in the Kazan group, 150 miles south.

A Pacific fleet task force "virtually wiped out a Japanese convoy" during the raids Thursday and Friday, U. S. time. The score:

Sunk—Five Japanese destroyers or destroyer escorts, five cargo ships, one oiler, two smaller craft and several barges also were destroyed.

Set afire and possibly sunk—One light cruiser, five smaller vessels.

Damaged—Two escort vessels, a large freighter hit on both days, three landing ships and 18 small vessels, including five barges, two of them troop-laden, 16 Yankee planes downed.

At Iwo, six enemy planes were shot down. Six others were destroyed, and five damaged, on the ground. One parked plane was destroyed at Chichi. Island anti-aircraft guns shot down 16 American carrier planes, and 19 American airmen were lost.

The Bonin-Kazan islands are

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Ex-O. S. C. Grid Star Killed in Normandy

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 7—(AP)—Capt. Thomas Swanson, who attained all-star fame as right half on the Oregon State football team of 1934-36, was killed on the Normandy front three days after he landed in France July 8, his life here learned from the War department.

He leaves a son, John, 2. After graduating in 1937 he coached one year at Milwaukie and three at Albany. He entered the army in 1942 as an infantry lieutenant.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS this is written, our American blitz spearheads are TWO-THIRDS OF THE WAY across the base of the Breton peninsula. They have captured or bypassed Rennes, on the main railroad serving the entire peninsula, and are only 43 miles from Nantes and Saint Nazaire, big ports at the mouth of the Loire (see map).

THERE must be moments when Hitler, gazing affrightedly at what is happening in Brittany, almost wishes that he and his crew of brigands hadn't invented the blitz.

THIS stirring statement comes from a correspondent at the front:

Except for an organized remnant of tough German units on the 35-mile front between Vire and Caen, "bedraggled German units that once heeled us in on the whole 100-mile Normandy front are now retreating in confusion."

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ATTACK DRIVES JAPS TO SUICIDE—Combat crew of tank and infantrymen advance on a concrete pillbox at the edge of an airfield on Orote point, Guam. The tank is firing point blank at the pillbox (note flying debris at left) and, as the attack pressed close, Japs inside the pillbox could be heard committing suicide with hand grenades.

Reich Oil Plants, Air Fields Blasted by Allied Bombers

LONDON, Aug. 7—(AP)—More than 500 U. S. bombers blasted at two synthetic oil plants deep in the reich today in concert with from 500 to 750 Liberators and Flying Fortresses which struck at vital targets over a wide area of France.

The Fifteenth air force sent its heavyweights from Mediterranean bases to Blechhammer, 75 miles southeast of Breslau, where they scored hits on two plants which produce much of the German army's high grade motor fuel. The Germans threw up smoke screens and interceptors swarmed into the air to guard these plants, one of which is the third largest nazi synthetic plant still operating, but the bombers fought through and dropped their loads visually or by instrument.

Another force of Liberators, roaring into the Balkans, pounded an enemy airfield at Albunar, 21 miles northeast of Belgrade, and oil installations on the Danube at Novi Sad, northwest of Belgrade.

A big force of American bombers from British bases—numbering up to 750-bombed fuel tanks and depots, bridges and railway junctions over a wide stretch of

Auto Snaps Pole, Live Wire Kills 2 Soldiers

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 7—(AP)—A high voltage power line knocked down when a pole killed two Camp Adair soldiers near here early yesterday.

The victims, whose names were withheld, were returning from Colorado lake at 2:30 a. m. with two other soldiers in a car driven by Florence McGuire of Albany, Chief of Police Harry Stellmacher said.

One of the soldiers stepped on the live wire in the darkness and was electrocuted, Stellmacher said. The other died attempting a rescue, he added.

Price Adjustments in Apple Sales Authorized

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—(AP)—The OPA has authorized an adjustable pricing arrangement in sales to the government by processors of canned apples, dried apples and apple sauce of the 1944 pack.

Effective Tuesday, it provides for sales at current ceilings and upward adjustments later if higher prices are allowed for the new pack.

Borrowed Trailer Is Involved in Local Case

Charles W. Heppner, recently returned to Roseburg from Portland to answer to a charge of larceny of bail, was continued in custody today in lieu of \$500 bail, following a preliminary arraignment in the justice court. Heppner has requested preliminary examination. He is accused, Judge Thomas Hartfield reports, of failing to return a borrowed trailer.

Guest in Bombed Hotel Falls Five Stories in Bed

LONDON, Aug. 7—(AP)—Prof. Harold Laski, widely known British economist, had a rude awakening recently when a German flying bomb struck a hotel.

Laski's bed fell five stories through a gaping hole torn by the bomb blast, but landed right side up with the professor still in it—wide awake but unhurt.

Florence Under Nazi Fire While Allies Hold City

ROME, Aug. 7—(AP)—Big German shells continued to land today in the southern portions of Florence, which is in allied hands, but Gen. Alexander's headquarters announced "there will be no need for the city itself to become a battlefield."

He added that "apart from small parties with machine guns on the north bank, there is little enemy activity in the town," and said the nazis were devoting their major efforts in strengthening defenses intended to hurl back any allied efforts to cross the river on either side of Florence.

The allied command announced more than 50,000 prisoners had been taken by the Fifth and Eighth armies in the offensive from Cassino to Florence. The total might have been higher but for Marshal Kesselring's decision to blow up Florence's bridges.

Despite continued nazi shelling in the southern part of the city, Alexander declared again "our guns are not shelling any part of the city."

Overseas Relief Calls For More Drafted Men

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 7—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey said last night he believed "We've got the army practically built," but declared "we can't let up—we have to have more men to relieve the boys who are overseas."

"Some of our boys have been there two or three years and it's time we brought them back," said the national director of selective service here en route to Seattle.

"We don't want the fellows sitting on the bench to forget the score—even the men up to 38 are liable to be called."

Body of Infant Found Floating in River

KEESOE, Wash., Aug. 7—(AP)—Police were seeking today to trace the identity of a newborn baby girl whose body was found floating in the Lewis river south of Woodland yesterday.

Washington State Patrol Sergeant A. B. Little said the box in which the body was found bore no identification marks.

26 Persons Injured in Derailment of Train

LAKE CITY, Minn., Aug. 7—(AP)—Twenty-six persons were injured when the Milwaukee road's eastbound Olympian was derailed near the station here early today, but only four still were in the hospital this morning.

Philadelphia Strike Ended; Others Hold on

(By the Associated Press)

The week-long Philadelphia transit walkout was ended today with the return of 6,000 bus, trolley, subway and elevated crews following an ultimatum by the army, which had thousands of troops ready to operate the vehicles, and CIO union leaders' orders to obey the government. Eight Negroes, whose promotions had caused the white workers to strike, were called to resume their training as trolley operators.

Four leaders of the unauthorized walkout were discharged by the army when they reported for work. The four, James H. McMenamin, Frank P. Carver, William C. Dixey and Frank Thompson are free on \$2,500 bonds pending hearing August 14 on charges of violating the Smith-Connally act.

During the week 14 persons were hospitalized, after racial clashes, war work slumped an estimated 15 per cent; merchants lost \$5,000,000 in business; the strikers lost some \$250,000 in wages; PTC lost \$650,000 in revenue; and 1,500,000 daily PTC riders were forced to walk, hitchhike, use precious "cabs," or travel crowded in industry-provided trucks.

The labor front spotlight shifted elsewhere today to two remaining disputes involving 8,500 transportation workers in the United States and Canada, after over-the-weekend settlement of three large strikes sent 14,400 workers back to their jobs.

An estimated 4,500 over-the-road APL truck drivers in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Omaha and Kansas City remained idle in a dispute with the Midwest operators association over a WLB-approved wage increase. Representatives of the operators were en route to Washington for conferences with government officials, an association spokesman said.

The second major dispute involved some 4,000 tramway workers in Montreal, where union officials said the employees "had no alternative" but to maintain the strike after rejection by federal

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Pension Plan Victory Predicted by Townsend

PORTLAND, Aug. 1—(AP)—Dr. Francis Townsend predicted victory for his plan that would levy a three per cent gross income tax to finance a minimum of \$60 a month for overage and incapacitated persons in Oregon.

"It's going to take a lot of courage and a lot of work, but I believe we can do it," he told 2,000 Townsends and union members at a rally here yesterday.

"Get away from being tied to any political party," Dr. Townsend said. "And don't vote for any man who has not pledged himself to the welfare of the common people."

Wade Church, Arizona state president of the AFL, declared that "the only way to get what we want is by marching shoulder to shoulder."

Crash Kills Flier
EPHRAATA, Wash., Aug. 7—(AP)—Flight Officer Robert L. Pacher, Portland, Ore., was killed Saturday when his P-39 Airacobra crashed into Columbia lake behind Grand Coulee dam, the army air base announced.

City Plans Income Tax

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 7—(AP)—The city council is considering a charter amendment to permit a 1 per cent income tax. It is estimated it would raise \$4,000,000 a year in Kansas City.



NEW PRESIDENTS—Sergio Osma, left, is the new president of the Philippine commonwealth, following the death of President Manuel Quezon, and Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim, right, is the new parliament-appointed president of Finland, succeeding Risto Rytty, who resigned scarcely a month after submitting his nation to German domination.



WHITE GIRL WEDS NISEI—Gordon K. Hirabayashi, American-born Japanese, and his bride, the former Esther Schmoor of Seattle, pictured after a Quaker wedding ceremony in Spokane, Wash. Hirabayashi is at liberty on \$1,000 bond following charges of failure to comply with selective service regulations.

His son, Lt. Perrin Walker, is an aide to the general commanding this division.

Brigadier General Nelson Walker is Killed in Battle

SOMEWHERE IN NORMANDY, Aug. 7—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Nelson M. Walker, a native of Pittsfield, Mass., and the assistant commander of a U. S. infantry division, was killed July 27 while personally leading an assault on a German machinegun position in a hedgerow.

The 55-year-old general, who has been recommended for a posthumous Distinguished Service Cross, had gone to the front to inspire and encourage his troops freshly thrown into battle. A machinegun bullet severed a thigh artery. He died within a few hours.

Gen. Walker recently was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work in the army's plans and training section at Washington after Pearl Harbor. He was a second lieutenant in the First World War and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during fighting in France.

His widow, Mrs. Doris Walker, lives in Pittsfield, where their daughter, Nancy, is engaged in Red Cross work.

Fire Razes Lumber Mill, Damages Soda Works

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 7—(AP)—Authorities sought the cause today of a fire that destroyed the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company plant and considerably damaged The Dalles Soda works late yesterday.

Loss estimates ranged from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

The blaze started in the rear of the lumber plant and was out of control when firemen arrived. Three company trucks, a quantity of lumber, and several small adjoining buildings also burned.

Some equipment in the soda works building was saved.

Oregon Meeting to Urge Rubber Output Increase

PORTLAND, Aug. 7—(AP)—Representatives of Oregon's heavy motor transportation will meet here tomorrow to gather data on the critical truck tire shortage to back up their plea for more heavy rubber.

The 67 per cent heavy tire reduction ordered by OPA for August will be discussed by loggers, farmers, and long distance haulers.

Parolee Faces Hearing On Drunkenness Charge

Melvin Pikh, recently paroled from the Oregon State penitentiary, where he was serving a sentence of two years on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses through issuance of bad checks, was in custody today in the county jail here. Pikh was ordered returned to custody by the state director of parole, to be held for a hearing on revocation of parole, following arrests on charges of drunkenness.

