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Anti-Trust Suit Hits American R. R. Assn.

Western U. S. Victimized, Govt. Charges

Region's Development Retarded, Rates Favor East Shippers, Assertion

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The justice department announced today that it has filed an anti-trust suit in Lincoln, Neb., against the Association of American Railroads, the Western Association of Railway Executives, J. P. Morgan and Company, Kuhn, Loeb and Company, and 47 individual railroads.

Also named as defendants are the officers and directors of the Association of American Railroads, top executives of the 47 railroads named and 31 other individuals.

Attorney General Biddle announced through his Washington office that the complaint "charges that a combination of private financial, industrial and railroad interests have acted collusively to maintain non-competitive rates for transportation and to prevent and retard improvements in the services and facilities of railroads for the western part of the United States."

The complaint asks the court to dissolve the Association of American Railroads—representing 85 per cent of the nation's principal steam rail lines—and of the Western Association of Railway Executives, an organization of western systems.

It also asks an injunction against all the defendants to prevent a revival or continuance of any of the offenses charged and to prevent a revival of the western agreement, the western commissioner or the committee or directors from setting up a plan which would restrain trade in western systems.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OUT of the confused whirlpool that is France in these historic days, comes this clear, sharp statement from General Montgomery, addressed to his troops: "The Germans in western France have suffered a definite, complete and DECISIVE defeat. THE END OF THE WAR IS IN SIGHT. Let us finish off the business in record time."

CHURCHILL, who is now in Italy, says:

"I can not predict an early end to the war, but I can't guarantee against its ending sooner than we have allowed ourselves to hope."

He adds: "The enemy is still active and strong, and the German army still fights with the relics of its old efficiency. But, behind the lines, weakness and division are spreading and EVERYWHERE there are signs of internal decay and dull apathy overtaking the weak."

"The dissension is such that when a general goes to Berlin he doesn't know whether he is to be promoted or hanged."

Churchill also was addressing troops.

IN Normandy the job that is being done is DESTROYING von Kluge's 7th German army and whatever elements of the 15th German army (whose job is guarding the rocket coast) may have been brought south of the Seine to help the 7th.

VON KLUGE IS DEFEATED.

All that remains is to destroy him.

THE correspondents are fond of the expression: "A ring of steel" has been drawn around the enemy. Don't let yourself be misled by this somewhat too colorful language.

IT ISN'T a ring of steel in the sense of a solid mass of troops standing shoulder to shoulder

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ALLIED LAND AT 2 NEW SOUTH FRANCE SPOTS; GRENOBLE TAKEN BY PATCH'S SEVENTH ARMY

Slaughter of Routed Foe at Seine Heavy

(By the Associated Press)
Two new allied invasion landings in France, unconfirmed by allied headquarters, were reported, one south of Bordeaux on the Bay of Biscay coast, the other 110 miles farther south, where Berlin said Americans and French paratroopers landed at St. Jean de Luz near the French frontier.

Berlin reported an American landing "at Arcachon" on the Biscay coast of Bordeaux. In undetermined strength, according to U. S. government monitors, and earlier a Hendaye, Spain, dispatch from Charles S. Foltz, Madrid chief of bureau of the Associated Press, quoted French military authorities as saying the landing was being made last night under cover of naval and aerial bombardment.

French officials said the operation was coordinated with a ground attack by American and French forces yesterday, effecting a junction on the outskirts of Bordeaux. These Americans were said to have smashed southward from the Loire river, 170 miles to the north.

A new landing could put a squeeze upon all of southwestern France, reportedly lightly garrisoned by the Germans, with

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Halmahera Under Knockout Blows

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Unchallenged Liberators and Mitchells have begun to pour it on Halmahera, last island barrier between Gen. MacArthur and the Philippines.

A record 135-ton bombing, which destroyed eight parked planes, supply dumps and defense positions and sank a freighter, was reported today against that octopus-shaped Japanese base. A 110-ton strike had been announced yesterday.

Considering Halmahera's topography—much of its 6,700 square miles are unexplored jungle wilds and only a few coastal sectors are of military use—these are gigantic blows.

They are being stepped up more than a week after its airfields were rendered useless to the enemy and its garrison has been weakened by continuous sinkings of small ships trying to sneak down with supplies from the Philippines.

The Halmahera action featured strikes of MacArthur's air arm, aimed largely at denying enemy garrisons replenishments, sweeping for 1,000 miles from Davao, southern Philippines, down to the Flores sea.

OPA Board Head Defies Resignation Demand

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Carl Curlee, whose resignation as chairman of the Albany OPA board was demanded by a district OPA official Monday night, remained at his post today with the backing of all local board members.

Lew Bronaugh, Portland, district operations officer, charged at a meeting here that Curlee "had shown a disposition to administer OPA regulations from the standpoint of the local community rather than the country as a whole."

Curlee denied the charge.

Slayer of Daughter Gets Life Imprisonment

OREGON CITY, Aug. 23.—Winfield L. Henderson, charged with slaying his 17-year-old daughter, Donna Lee, at their farm home July 24, pleaded guilty to second degree murder here Tuesday and was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Latur-ette.



LADIES' WAGE AIDE—Frieda S. Miller, above, is the new director of the Women's Bureau, department of Labor, succeeding Mary Anderson in the task of promoting welfare of wage-earning women.

Theft Charge Faced by Railway Mail Clerk

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Accused of pilfering the mails, John B. Wilson, Baker, a railway mail clerk for 22 years, is in jail at American Falls, Idaho, Paul Dunham, a postal inspector, said here.

The 46-year-old Wilson had 61 pieces of mail in his possession when taken from a train at Pocatello, Idaho, Thursday, Dunham said, adding that Wilson admitted taking up to 150 letters a trip and burning them at his home after removing money and other valuables.

Grant Land Valuation Increase Benefits Coos

COQUILLE, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—County Assessor Charles W. Forest announced the interior department has approved his claims for increases in the assessed valuations of Coos Bay wagon road grant lands to \$3 per acre. Valuations had been as low as 25 cents an acre, Forrest said, adding that Coos county now will receive \$500 more annually from the government.

Laugh's On Rattler
LAMAR, Colo., Aug. 23.—(AP)—A rattlesnake struck at Herschel Morris' leg, but he was not alarmed. It was, Morris explained, his wooden leg.

Bucharest In Panic as Reds Lunge Nearer

MOSCOW, Aug. 23.—(AP)—A new red army offensive, probably designed to knock Romania out of the war and break Hitler's grip on the Balkans, smashed forward today on a 150-mile front beyond Iasi to within 180 miles of jittery Bucharest and 155 of the great Ploesti oil center.

An official German broadcast said the Russians had reached the beaches at Riga, Latvian capital and largest Baltic states city, indicating a new trap for the German 16th and 18th armies.

Advancing over the bodies of 25,000 Germans slain in three violent days while 12,665 others trudged wearily back to prison cages, red army groups drove within 51 miles of the mouth of the Danube.

In northern Poland, the Russians gradually were outflanking Warsaw and splitting German forces between that besieged Polish capital and East Prussia.

Desperate German attempts to salvage her Baltic positions brought new tank attacks in the direction of Jelgava, which controls road and rail routes in Latvia.

Romanians In Panic
As the red army drive into Romania went through its fourth day, Bucharest was reported in panic with many of Premier Antonescu's formerly fanatical supporters openly discussing the chances of suing for peace. Each mile the red army advanced strengthened peace tremors in Bulgaria, too, and gave new hope

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South England Given Worst Robot Bombing

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—South England today suffered its heaviest dawn barrage of flying bombs yet, as allied armies beat toward the launching platforms in Pas-De-Calais beyond the Seine.

The robots came so fast that gunners had no respite in throwing up a terrific curtain of ground fire. Clouds of smoke over the sea indicated the number of bombs brought down in the channel. Others were heard exploding aloft.

A number of casualties, including some deaths, were reported, mostly from bombs striking residential sections. Bomb shelters survived the bombardment.

An American army officer awaiting a bus was killed.

Lost Money Sent Church By Anonymous Finder

Father William Coughlan, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, is very grateful to someone. He doesn't know who to thank, but his appreciation is indeed sincere.

A parishoner arrived at the church the first of the week only to discover that her contribution for the parish fund had been lost en route. A considerable sum of money had been enclosed in an envelope addressed to the Rev. Mr. Coughlan.

But the contribution has been received. The finder of the envelope sealed it, affixed a three-cent stamp and dropped it in the mail.

Oregon Bank Robber Suspects Nabbed in Idaho

DALLAS, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Sheriff T. B. Hooker said today he would go to Boise, Idaho, to bring back Elmer Lane and Malay Stone, Oregon State prison ex-convicts who are wanted in connection with the \$12,000 hold-up August 2 of the Grande Ronde state bank.

The two men were arrested in a Boise tavern last night, Hooker saying they had \$3,253 and a .30 calibre pistol on their persons.

State police arrested Mrs. Lane in Portland last night for questioning. Lane served a prison term here for car theft in Polk county, while Stone served a sentence here for larceny in Multnomah county.

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Girl Flagman in Bathing Suit Impedes Traffic

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—An attractive girl, clad in a very much abbreviated swimming costume, blocked traffic on the Pacific highway near Harrisburg a few days ago, the state highway commission said today.

The girl, replacing a flagman on construction job, donned her scanties because of the warm weather. Motorists found it difficult to pass her without stopping. Traffic was resumed when her boss sent her home to put some clothes on.

Threats to Decapitate Neighbor Are Enjoined

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 23.—(AP)—District Judge S. J. Clendinning has enjoined John Ezell from further threats to cut off the head of W. D. Hamilton, his neighbor, with a cane knife. Hamilton in his petition charged that Ezell threatened him and his family Sunday with a 30-inch knife, telling them that he was "going to cut plaintiff's head off."

Nazis Making Suicide Stand Inside Toulon

ROME, Aug. 23.—(AP)—American troops of the Seventh army, in a spectacular surprise thrust deep into southern France through German defenses, have entered the large industrial city of Grenoble, 140 airline miles north of the Mediterranean coast, it was announced today.

A swift American armored and motorized infantry column plunged into the city, long a hotbed of the French patriot movement, with "French forces of the interior playing an effective support role," allied headquarters said.

This quick advance put Maj. Gen. Patch's spearhead within less than 240 miles airline from the most southerly points officially announced as reached by American troops below Paris, and it appeared that the two allied French fronts would be joined much sooner than originally thought possible.

Grenoble, 58 miles southeast of Lyon and situated on a river leading directly to the Rhone valley 30 miles to the west, is 80 miles or more beyond the last reported allied positions in southern France.

Lying in the French Alps, the

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Lt. Sidney Frederickson Believed War Prisoner

Mrs. C. E. Frederickson has received an official communication from the War department reporting that her son, Lieutenant Sidney I. Frederickson, recently reported missing in action, is believed to be a prisoner of the German government.

A report has been received through unofficial sources, she was informed, reporting a German radio broadcast in which Lieutenant Frederickson was included in a list of Americans reported to have been captured and placed in prison camps.

He was serving as a lieutenant with a demolition unit in the Normandy invasion at the time he was reported missing on the date of June 18.

Seals May Not Prove Fatal

NEWPORT, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—James H. Curry, 30, Agate Beach, who was scalded with boiling asphalt which poured from his truck when it overturned near here, probably will recover, hospital attendants said here today.

Germans Evicted by French After 4-Year Bondage While American Army Circles City

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Paris shook loose the shackles of four years of enemy bondage today and stood free once more, liberated by armed and unarmed tens of thousands of Frenchmen who swept the nazis from the city's streets, while American armed might drew up around the capital.

A special communique from Gen. Charles De Gaulle's headquarters in London announced the liberation after four days of street fighting that recalled scenes of Bastille day, when the mobs of Paris once before struck an historic blow for liberty.

This time, the communique said, the fight was led by 50,000 organized French forces of the interior, bolstered by hundreds of thousands more who joined in with whatever weapons they could find.

The dramatic announcement touched off broadcasts to Frenchmen everywhere as the triumphant strains of "La Marseillaise" sounded again to the news of a French victory.

There was no word immediately that American troops had entered the city.

But the French said they had seized all public buildings, won complete control of the situation, and captured all the Vichy representatives who had not fled.

Peggy Dye Chosen Queen Of Rodeo at Reedsport

REEDSPORT—Election of Miss Peggy Dye, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dye, Reedsport, was announced today as the queen to rule over the rodeo to be held here August 26 and 27. Selection was on a basis of ticket sales, Miss Dye leading her nearest contestant nearly two to one. Irene Wroe, Smith River; Lorna Catterlin, Gardiner; Joyce Johnston, Florence, and Dawn Skeen, Reedsport, will serve as princesses.

Roosevelt, Churchill to View Paris Parade, Report

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The London Daily Herald said today plans were being made for President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill to be present in Paris, "if that is practical," when allied troops parade.

Declaring the march into the French capital will wait until the "campaign of destruction of the German armies goes a stage farther," the Daily Herald said special news reel operators already have been detailed to record the event and military bands which will participate now are practicing in France.

The Daily Mail said a conference between Roosevelt and Churchill would "take place within a matter of weeks on French soil."

Seizure of Coal Mines Ordered by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today ordered government seizure of the mines and other workings of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company in the state of Pennsylvania because of "strikes, threatened strikes and other labor disturbances."

The White House, announcing the action had been taken on recommendation of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, authorized Secretary of the Interior Ickes to take charge of the properties.

Argentina Rounds Up Nazi Spies, Seizes Equipment

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The press sub-secretariat has announced that Argentine federal police have uncovered a "new active organization" operated by German spies, captured a large number of agents and confiscated a great quantity of material.

No details were included in the communique.

An unofficial but usually reliable informant said the espionage inquiry being conducted by police had resulted in the arrest of 126 persons and the seizure of 26 high power radio transmitters in recent months.

West Oregon Co-Op Buys Utility in Four Counties

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—The Oregon Gas and Electric Co. has sold for \$130,000 all of its electric properties in Clatsop, Columbia and Washington counties to the West Oregon Cooperative, Inc., of Vernonia, Public Utilities Commissioner Flagg announced today.

The money for the purchase was supplied by the federal Rural Electrification administration.

Hearst Estate Fire Eats Huge Fortune in Art

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—(AP)—A number of rare art items were destroyed yesterday when fire razed the Gables, main building at Wynton, the William Randolph Hearst estate near McCloud.

Damage was estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Several firemen were slightly injured in battling the blaze.

A short circuit was blamed for the fire.

Paris, the City of Light, was back in French hands just four years and 74 days from the time Adolf Hitler's troops marched in. German troops, then at the flood tide of conquest, entered June 14, 1940.

The city became the first continental capital of a full-fledged ally to be freed from German domination. Rome has been taken, but Italy started the war as an enemy and now is a co-belligerent.

The patriot flareup began with a strike of Paris police. They seized the prefecture and turned the famous Ile De La Cite "into a fortress against which the German attacks broke," the communique said.

De Gaulle conferred with Gen. Eisenhower in France two days ago—presumably on details of civil affairs control of the capital which once more is the pride of all France.

There was no announcement after the conference. It seemed likely the French, who freed their capital, would be allowed to administer it.

War Picture Reversed
There was no indication in the French communique what casualties had been inflicted on the German forces or how many had been captured. Allied airmen for two days have been reporting the nazis pulling out of the city to the east over every road.

Paris had been declared an open city several days before the Germans had reached it in the black days of 1940. German armor clanked into the stunned capital and saw silent, deserted streets. Those citizens who remained in the city stayed indoors rather than look upon the degradation.

Confused, disorganized France, its vaunted military machine

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Pershing Praises Paris Liberation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—General John J. Pershing, who commanded the American expeditionary force in the first World War, today described the liberation of Paris as "a great step forward along the road to Berlin."

"Over four years ago, when the Germans took Paris, my sorrow was beyond words," he said. "Paris, to me, was and is the heart of France."

"Today, Paris is free; and the sons of the Americans who fought to preserve the freedom of Paris in 1917 and 1918 have had a permanent role in the liberation of 1944. By their cooperation with their British, Canadian and French allies these American soldiers of 1944 have upheld the high military traditions of the United States army."

Polish Women in Warsaw Decry Lack of Red Help

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Declaring that the world is ignoring their plight, Polish women of Warsaw have appealed to Pope Pius XII to bless patriot forces battling in the city "for church and liberty," according to the Polish telegraphic agency.

The appeal, broadcast by radio, deplored the fact that "Russian armies which have been standing at the gates of Warsaw for three weeks do not move a step forward," the agency said. Help sent by Britain in the form of supplies dropped by plane was described as insufficient.

Loivity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reinhardt
Having successfully negotiated the Normandy bulge, the allies should be in pretty fair condition to tackle the one that Goering pushes around in the Reich.



PARTNERSHIP PLEDGED AT "BIG 3" PARLEY—The three-power conference on world organization opened at Dumbarton Oaks with reassurance that the little nations of the world will be "partners" in the international undertaking. Seated at the meeting are (left to right) Sir Alexander Cadogan, United Kingdom chairman; Lord Halifax, British ambassador to U. S.; Cordell Hull, secretary of state, who offered the opening address; Andrew Gromyko, U. S. S. R. chairman; and Edward Stettinius, Jr., American chairman.