AERIAL PINCERS CLOSING ON PHILIPPINES

SCENE OF SEA-AIR BATTLE—Map shows where American naval and air armadas dealt the Japanese staggering blows in the campaign to recover the Philippines. Units of the Japanese navy emerged from hiding evidently intent on giving battle off Formosa, but fled upon sighting the U. S. warships.

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Venray Wrested From Nazis After Combat of Two Days

U. S. Bombers Give Cologne New Bashing

Great Battle Looms in Netherlands; Aachen's Mop-up in Slow Tempo

(By the Associated Press)

The British Second army held a solid ten-mile front in eastern Holland today after capturing Venray, important Dutch rail and road center eight miles from the reich frontier, and the Germans said a half million men faced each other in the Netherlands for a battle "that may flare up at any moment."

U. S. bombers ripped Cologne for the fourth time in five days, hitting at German power to send reserves to the 85-mile front between Arnhem in Holland and Aachen in Germany, along which British and Americans moved into position for a new assault toward the Rhineland.

Venray fell after two days of bitter house-to-house battle.

The Germans said the allies have massed 1,500 tanks in Holland, where British Tommies working in conjunction with Americans on their right flank, reduced the enemy salient west of the Maas river to about eight equare miles. The British plunged two miles southeast of the

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Presidential Race Seen as Resting on Border States, Claimed by Rival Leaders

(By the Associated Press)

Republican and democratic congressional leaders alike said today that the border states—Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky, Maryland and West Virginia—are going their way.

These contrary estimates—by Rep. Drewry (D.-Va.) and Rep. Halleck (R.-Ind.), chairmen of the two congressional campaign committees — came into the presidential campaign calculations along with this report from Simon Michelet, Washington lawyer who heads the national get-out-the-vote club:

"It can be said convincingly that—as go the five border states, so goes the presidential election."

Michelet did his figuring on the basis of the fact that in the last four presidential elections all these states were in the winner's column and four of the five were in 1920 and 1924.

Republican Halleck said in a Washington interview that "things are going mighty well" in this year's campaign, but Drewry said his mail shows democrats are the ones who are happy about the border state situation. They likewise disagreed about who is going to control the house of representatives in the next four years.

Top Nominees Billed

Another pair who disagree — President Roosevelt and Governor Dewey—aimed their next blows at the foreign policy level.

The republican presidential nominee will speak tonight at 6:30 PWT (Blue network) on

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Truman Predicts Win in California; Heads for Oregon

WITH TRUMAN EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18—(AP)—Forecasting a Roosevelt victory in California by a 400,000-vote majority, Sen. Harry S. Truman, democratice vice presidential candidate, moved into Oregon today for a survey of pre-election sentiment in that state.

He was guest of honor at a dinner last night in San Francisco's Chinatown where he ate with chopsticks and told an audience that the time is here when we can furnish China the weapons she needs.

Bartley Crum, San Francisco republican attorney who managed Wendell Willkie's presidential campaign in the bay area four years ago, introduced Truman. The candidate told of having voted for repeal of the Chinese exclusion act, and declared:

"Congress ought to pass a law to permit Chinese-American soldiers to bring their wives into this country."

He charged that Governor Dewey has distorted the findings of the Truman war investigating committee and thereby practiced "political chicanery" unworthy of a man "running for the highest office in the land."

Truman will make two statewide radio addresses from Portland, the first over station KXL at 5:55 p. m. for 10 minutes, the second over station KWJJ from 8:30 to 9.

Reds Lunge Mile Inside East Prussia

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—The German command implied today that the Russians had invaded East Prussia after capturing Virbalis and advancing to Schirwindt, a mile inside the reich.

"At the East Prussian border, the enemy extended his attcking front from Kalvarija and Schirwindt towards the south and continued his attacks, supported by strong tank and fighter bomber formations," the broadcast communique said. "Forty-one enemy tanks were destroyed and the enemy was checked in embittered struggles. Virbalis fell into enemy hands after a stubborn defense."

Moscow has not yet announced the offensive. Virbalis is in Lithuania, three miles from the frontier.

Other Russians beseiging the Baltic port of Memel are within 65 miles of Konigsberg.

Capture of Virballs was a strategic Russian gain for the army group of the 36-year-old Gen. Cherniakovsky.

Six roads meet at the strategic town of about 6,000 which lies 41 miles east of Insterburg and 91 from the capital of Konigsberg.

Moscow announced at midnight a succession of heavy bombing attacks in East Prussia. The raids reached as far as Intserburg, toward which the land drive appeared to be aimed. The Moscow communique said supply trains and other objectives were blasted at Insterburg.

Belgrade Battle Continues.

On the southern end of the front heavy fighting continued in Belgrade. The Moscow communique said more than 4,000 Ger-

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Owes Himself 2½ Pct. Of His Pay, He Figures

If anybody is behind the financial eight-ball, screen comedian Louis Alberni, above, claims he is—what with having to pay out 102½ per cent of his income. He figures 10 per cent goes for back taxes, 20 per cent for current taxes, 10 per cent to his agent, 50 per cent to his first wife and three children, 10 per cent for living expenses, 2 per cent state and federal deductions and ½ of 1 per cent to the Motion Picture Relief fund. In Los Angeles court, his unique argument won an alimony battle with his second wife, but he'll give her $1 a month token payment and her attoorney's fee of $100.

Manila Area Bases Among Bomb Targets

Japs' Mindanao Convoy Smashed; Last Isle in Carolines Sealed Off

(By the Associated Press)

American pilots are clamping an aerial pincers on the invasion-threatened Philippines in continuing raids of carrier forces striking from the north, unhampered by the frightened Japanese navy, and land-based fighters making their first massed foray from the south.

Naval forces which will support the Philippines invasion were given a new advanced staging base without a shot being fired. Adm. Nimitz belatedly announced last night that the 81st army division occupied undefended Ulithi atoll in the western Carolines four weeks ago.

Carrier-borne planes of the mighty task force 58 "are continuing to attack objectives in the Philippines," Nimitz said.

The Japanese-controlled Manila radio amplified, saying three waves of planes hit Manila today (Philippines time) while other air units again raided Clark field, once the major U. S. air field in the islands, and Legaspi, vulnerable port southeast of Manila.

Jap Land Convoy Blasted

In an unprecedented, daring daylight sweep Gen. MacArthur's southwest Pacific fighters hunted the length of Mindanao island in the southern Philippines, blasted a big truck convoy to bits and routed a cavalry troop. Sixty-two trucks and six staff cars in the convoy were destroyed.

This coordinated action of MacArthur's aircraft with Vice Adm. Mitscher's carrier planes parallels the junction over Formosa of Mitscher's air forces and the China-based Superforts of the 20th bomber command.

"The B-29s paid dividends," said Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay, smashing the heart of Japanese air power in the south China sea in three raids within four days on Okayama, Heito and Einansho. No Superforts were lost to enemy action in the four days.

Carolines Isles Sealed Off

Nimitz reported American troops hit the beaches on Ulithi atoll Sept. 20 and 21, but found nothing to assault. The Japanese had fled, leaving behind their own wounded and sick, and a few hundred natives.

Ulithi lagoon has an excellent anchorage. The atoll supplies a valuable station for forecasting the path of typhoons — major weather obstacle to the Philippine invasion.

It lies roughly midway between American-held Guam and southern Palau. Its occupation completes the task of sealing off the

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FORGETFUL for the moment of Europe, where important developments are reported, Western American eyes are turned as this is written to the far Pacific, where a great and critical battle is being fought.

SO far, we have only the Jap story for it.

It is an EXULTING story. According to it, the Jap fleet has finally COME OUT, has defeated and is in pursuit of "the fleeing enemy (U. S.) task force." Note that "the American task force," not "the American fleet" is referred to. A task force is only a part of the fleet.

A Tokyo dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio quotes a Japanese naval spokesman as saying: "At the end of the still raging battle, Admiral Halsey's fleet will have vanished from the seas. This is a victory which will make the victories of Hawaii and Malaya appear like a sideshow."

Another Tokyo dispatch compares the fight to the "decisive victory over the czarist Russian Baltic fleet 39 years ago" and tells of scenes of wild joy in Japan.

Imperial Jap communiques assert that 16 of our warships, including ten carriers, have been sunk and another 19 damaged.

NO word whatever, either in confirmation or denial of these strong enemy claims, has come from our Pacific headquar-

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"Electric Machinegun" New Nazi Secret Weapon

LONDON, Oct. 18—(AP)—The Berlin radio came up with a new secret weapon story today, announcing that nazi troops on the Russian front now are using an "electric machinegun."

The weapon, said the broadcast, is known as "the death scythe."

More Postwar Paper for Vital Advertising Urged

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 18—(AP)—Declaring that advertising "will be the spark to fire our economic engine" after the war, the New York State Council of Retail Merchants has asked the War Production board to supply newspapers with more paper as soon as possible after the close of the European conflict.

John C. Watson, president of the council, said today he had written WPB Chairman J. A. Krug that the supply of newsprint should be increased "at the earliest possible moment consistent with the manpower situation" so that "rationing" of advertising could be ended.

"Both production and distribution will bog down if the merchandise that is manufactured is not sold," Watson wrote. "It will not be sold unless the merchant is provided with the opportunity to advertise."

Oil Burning Range's Fumes Kill Seattle Man

SEATTLE, Oct. 18 —(AP)—Reuben E. Kidder, 52, retired mail carrier, was found dead in his home last night as a result of fumes from his oil burning range.

County Detective James E. Moore said a message from his ration board was found near the body. It announced an application for additional oil was being held up until his need was greater.

Lumber Firms Pay for Ceiling Price Violations

PORTLAND, Oct. 18—(AP)—The Morrill and Sturgeon Lumber company, Portland, and the Gales Peak Lumber company, Forest Grove, were fined in federal court today for violating OPA ceiling prices.

The Portland firm paid $11,296 to the OPA and $204 to the United States for violations, and Gales Peak paid $1875.

Maj. Gen. von Schwerin Of German Army Killed

NEW YORK, Oct. 18—(AP)—The German DNB agency said today that Maj. Gen Bogislav Count von Schwerin, who commanded a division in Estonia, had "died a hero's death."

Formation of Home Guard of 16-to-60 Age Civilians Proclaimed by Hitler In All-Out Effort to Avert Disaster

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler, observing that "just as in 1939 we are facing the enemy alone," proclaimed tonight the formation of an armed German home guard and declared:

"Germany's second all-out effort must and will succeed."

Hitler's voice, which has not been heard on radio channels since shortly after the reported assassination attempt of July 20, was absent again from the German airways today. His decree setting up the guard was read for him for the home service of the official German news agency, DNB.

"Relying on our own force, we will not only break the enemy will of destruction, but we will throw him back again," the Hitler utterance said.

"I call on all able bodied men to fight."

The decree then announced all civilian men between 16 and 60 were ordered into the Volkssturm, an armed home army similar to that which Britain organized in 1940 after the fall of France.

Whereas, the enemy believed that he could get ready for the last knockout blow, we, on our part are resolved to carry out the second large scale mobilization of our people," the Hitler decree said.

Manpower Barrel Empty

The bottom of the nazi manpower barrel already had been reported scraped by "total mobilization" measures taken by Hitler, Himmler, Goering and Goebbels during the summer. That mobilization took ill and one-eyed Germans, Red Cross workers, and munitions plant employes into the armed forces. There was no estimate of the number of armed men—if any—who would be raised by the new order.

Describing this people's army as "not a preparation for defeat, but for victory," the Berlin station said:

"The significance af the German Volkssturm becomes obvious when the possibility of breakthroughs in our fighting front or air-borne landings in our hinterland are taken into account."

Hurricane Rakes Cuba, Florida Keys

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 18—(AP)—Hurricane winds up to 140 and 160 miles an hour in gusts lashed Havana today before a severe tropical storm moved out into the gulf of Mexico and sent advance gales sweeping the Florida keys.

A 10 a. m. weather bureau advisory said that full hurricane winds probably would be felt along the entire string of exposed keys, stretching southwestward from the Florida mainland, within a short time. "Very high tides" were forecast.

All of south Florida was braced for gales expected during the late morning or early afternoon.

A radio report to Pan American airways here said that a number of houses were blown down in Havana and that a number of small buildings at the Cuban capital's airport were flattened.

There was no immediate word, however, of any casualties.

The Isle of Pines, island south of Cuba which was raked with full force yesterday, still was without communications.

C. of C. Managers Form Western States Council

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 18—(AP)—A western states council was organized today by managers of chambers of commerce of the area for purpose of what was described as development of the economic resources of the west.

Christy Thomas, executive vice president of the Seattle chamber of commerce, was elected president.

The first undertaking of the new council will be a comprehensive study of the steel industry as it affects the 11 states the council embraces, Thomas said, adding that a committee will make the study.

Representatives of 40 chambers of commerce participated in the organization meeting.

Shorter Road to Agness Planned at Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 18—(AP)—A road which will shorten the route from here to Agness by 75 miles was being planned today by forestry officials.

The road, which will link the Eaton valley and the end of a road now being constructed along the south fork of the Coquille river, is expected to be completed next year.

Finder of Lost Wallet Sees $19, Overlooks $700

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18—(APP)—Ed Kane, a janitor, who turned in a wallet containing $19, received a $25 reward, and declared gleefully that honesty does pay—with dividends.

A few minutes later he wasn't so sure. The owner reached into a half-hidden compartment of the wallet—and extracted $700.

Snell Foresees State Office Building, Museum

PORTLAND, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Construction of a state office building here, in landscaped grounds, and containing a state museum, is predicted by Governor Snell.

The governor told a meeting of the committee which he appointed to draft plans for an Oregon museum of history, science and industry that he expected the state eventually to construct such a building.

The committee, meeting here yesterday, outlined tentative plans for an Oregon museum, possibly located in Portland, and branch or traveling museums to serve outlying communities. A non-profit corporation would be established to take charge of the museum chain.

Juveniles Barred From Night "Horror Movies"

PORTLAND, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Portland took steps today to halt the rush of juveniles to after-midnight "spook shows", which police complained kept youngsters on the streets all night long.

Theater managers, at a meeting with city officials, said persons under 18 would not be admitted to after-midnight movies; and the city censor board served warning that it would prohibit "horror movies" from being shown in the early morning hours.

Overcharge Penalties Paid by Oregon Firms

PORTLAND, Oct. 18.—(AP)—The Jewel Box, Salem, has paid $1,072.50 to the U. S. treasury for overcharges on Swiss watches, the district OPA said today.

Standard Furniture company, McMinnville, paid $562.75 in settlement of an overcharge on an electric washer, the OPA said.

Liquor Tax Funds Given Roseburg and County

Distribution of $55,619 to counties and cities from taxes on manufacture of malt and alcoholic beverages was announced today by the state department at Salem. Allotments included $824 to Douglas county and $251 to the city of Roseburg.

School Money Allotted To Douglas County

The sum of $62,245.31 has been allotted to Douglas county in the October half of the state school support funds, according to an announcement by Secretary of State Farrell. The second distribution is scheduled to be made in April, 1945. The fund is derived from state income taxes and is apportioned on the basis of total number of days of actual attendance of resident pupils in the public elementary and high schools in each county. The total amount to be apportioned is $5,000,000, one-half of that sum being allotted at the present time.

Smuggled Bomb Kills 1 Jap Prisoner, Hurts Five

SPARTA, Wis., Oct. 18—(AP)—Col. George M. MacMullin, post commander at Camp McCoy, reported today that one Japanese prisoner of war was killed and five others injured when a rocket bomb which he said they had smuggled into their barracks exploded Monday night. The prisoners had been on a work detail. It was not explained how they obtained the bomb.

Production of Candles For Civilians to Be Cut

CHICAGO, Oct. 18—(AP)—Because of demands of the armed forces, the Standard Oil Co., of Indiana, announced today it would discontinue production of many candles for civilian use in its Whiting, Ind., candle shop.

Fire Loss Sets Low Mark

BEND, Ore., Oct. 18.—(AP)—Improved fire-fighting in the Deschutes national forest held losses from 119 fires this summer to an all-time low of 20½ acres, forest officials said today.

They estimated 17 of the fires were caused by carelessness.

Bomber With Ten Aboard Crashes in Oregon Area

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 18 —(AP)— A B-24 Liberator bomber with 10 men aboard crashed approximately 20 miles northwest of Ukiah, Ore., early yesterday morning, Col. David Wade, commander of the Walla Walla army air base, announced last night.

Fate of the crew members was not known at a late hour last night and field officers were en route to the scene for an investigation.

The plane was found by a party of hunters late yesterday.

Tokyo Bombing Stirs Jap Cruelty, Missioner Says

PORTLAND, Oct. 18.—(AP)—A group of Catholic missionaries to China said here today they were not molested by Japanese overlords until the first American bombing of Tokyo.

Then, reported four gray nuns and a priest, the Japanese, infuriated by Chinese aid to American fliers, began perpetrating crimes of vengeance.

Eugenean Killed in Train-Auto Collision

JUNCTION CITY, Ore., Oct. 18—(AP)—A freight train-car collision during heavy fog near here cost the life of Carl Thomas Furr, 45, Eugene, yesterday.

Three passengers in the car leaped to safety when they caught sight of the approaching train's headlights, but Furr, behind the driver's wheel, apparently was unable to escape.

Planning Committee Named for Legion's Projected Building Here; Tentative Sites Being Considered

A committee composed of Earl Wiley, Roy Young and Sig Fett was appointed by Commander George Caskey at the regular meeting of Umpqua post of the American Legion Tuesday night to work on plans for the proposed American Legion Memorial building.

The Roseburg post has been planning for several years to erect a clubhouse and has accumulated a considerable sum of money for that purpose. Several tentative sites are under consideration and plans for a building will be worked out by the committee for submission to the membership at a future meeting.

Earl Plummer and Art Midland were appointed as a committee to represent the Roseburg post in the Christmas packages for veterans program. The American Legion nationally is planning to provide a Christmas package for every veteran in hospitals at home and abroad. The project is being sponsored by Eddie Cantor at his regular coast-to-coast radio shows.

George Trapalis, chairman of the Armistice day program, reported that plans for the observance are still in tentative form. It is proposed to tie in the public program with the War Loan drive and final details are awaiting a conference with the bond committee.

Bruce Elliott to Head 6th War Loan Drive in Douglas

Bruce Elliott, Penney store manager at Roseburg, was selected today by H. O. Pargeter, county war finance chairman, to head the Sixth War Loan drive, which will begin Nov. 20 and end Dec. 16.

Mr. Elliott served as vice-chairman for the Fifth War Loan drive, working with Dr. E. E. Boring, chairman.

Mr. Elliott, together with Horace Berg, vice-chairman of the county war finance staff and chairman of the payroll savings division; Harold Hickerson, who will serve as secretary for the Sixth War Loan campaign; D. E. Carr, treasurer; Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, chairman of Schools at War, and William Oerding, special events chairman, left this morning for Portland, where they will attend a meeting of the state war savings staff tonight and Thursday at the Benson hotel.

The Douglas county quota has not yet been announced.

"Wildcat" Walkout at Shipyards Ends Quickly

SEATTLE, Oct. 18.—(AP)—All night shift workers at the Seattle Todd Pacific shipyards were reported "on the job" last night, signalling an apparent end to the walkout which took 400 welders from the day shift.

Both the company and the union characterized the walkout as a "wildcat" affair. The dispute grew, union spokesmen said, from the up-grading of an out-of-town welder to the position as leadman for an automatic welding machine.

Two Men Missing After Truck Hits Freight Train

REDDING, Calif., Oct. 18—(AP)—Two men may have been killed, six freight cars were derailed and two of them caught fire and turned over after a heavy truck ran into the side of a moving freight train entering the railroad yards early today.

The truck, dragged for two blocks, also caught fire and burned. Two men seen in the truck have not been accounted for and it is believed they burned to death.

Army Officer Faces Trial On War Contract Frauds

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Capt. Joseph Gould, 48-year-old former manager of James J. Braddock, ex-heavyweight boxing champion, will face court martial proceedings on charges of fraud involving more than $1,000,000 in army contracts, the New York port of embarkation announces.

Army officials said Gould is under detention.

Braddock, also a captain at the port of embarkation, is not involved, the army said.

7 Jap Warships Listed in Latest Bag by U. S. Subs

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Destruction of 32 Japanese vessels including seven warships, by American submarines, was reported today by Navy Secretary Forrestal.

The secretary also announced that 905 enemy ships have been sunk or damaged by the Third and Fifth U. S. fleets in the last four and one-half months.

Planes and anti-aircraft guns of the Third and Fifth fleets since last June have destroyed 3,080 Japanese planes, including 1,827 shot out of the air and 1,253 destroyed on the ground, he announced.

The latest bag of the American submarines, he reported, included three destroyers, three escort vessels, and a minelayer, in addition to 25 merchant vessels of various types.

This raises to 956 the number of Japanese ships of all types destroyed by American submarines since the war started.

Damage Suit Trails Crash of Dewey Special

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18—(AP)—Suit for $10,000 damages against the Great Northern railway company was filed in district court yesterday by Mrs. Esther Van Wagoner Tufty, Washington newspaper correspondent representing several Michigan newspapers, for injuries allegedly received when the special train of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey collided with another train near Castle Rock, Wash. Sept 19.

The suit asserted Mrs. Tufty was thrown under a table and suffered numerous injuries to muscles and ligaments.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rotsenstein

The "invincible" navy of the Son of Heaven evidently decided, upon seeing the American fleet, that it was wiser to return to hiding than venture a fight and take a "hiding."