

JAPAN'S LAST BIG BATTLESHIP DESTROYED

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British Armored Columns Lunging Toward Hamburg

Prisoner Take Is Mounting By Thousands

U. S. Third Army, Nazis Reported Battling Only 90 Miles From Berlin

(By the Associated Press)

Two British armored columns whipped forward today 12 miles from the port of Bremen, and to the south the German high command said the nazis were locked in heavy battle with the U. S. Third army east of Muehlhausen and near the Elbe area, where the Germans yesterday reported airborne landings within 90 miles of Berlin.

The swift British tank drive, aimed toward Hamburg, Germany's third city, outflanked Bremen and drove closer to the Weser, already crossed to the south by Americans and other British. American First army troops surged another seven miles eastward on a 35-mile front 12 miles east of captured Kassel. As allied power snowballed across Germany, nazis were sent to prisoner cages by the thousands.

U. S. Ninth army tanks struck to within 10 miles of Hannover in a breakout from their Weser river bridgeheads and were driving ahead at a rapid clip. At the same time Canadian armored forces were only nine miles from cutting off the last

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BIG news from the Pacific explodes all over the place. Russia denounces her neutrality treaty with Japan.

The Japanese cabinet RESIGNS IN A BODY—Koiso apparently collecting the resignations in advance and presenting them to the emperor all at once.

THIS question immediately arises: Did the Jap cabinet crisis come about as a result of our recent stunning military victories, or was it PRECIPITATED by the Russian treaty denunciation?

whose phrasing indicates that Russia is going to get into the war against Japan (sooner or later).

On the teletype, the announcement of the Jap cabinet crisis came first, but there are indications that we and the British knew the Russian action was coming before it was formally made public by Molotov's handling of the papers to the Jap ambassador in Moscow.

If the news leaked out to us, it could have leaked out to Koiso. The chances are it DID.

As a matter of fact, there is a reason to believe that Koiso had a pretty good inkling for some time of what was coming. A week or so ago the dispatches carried a report to the effect that

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Fresh Strawberries to Retain Prices of 1944

PORTLAND, April 7—(AP)—Fresh strawberry prices will remain the same as last year in Oregon, the OPA said today.

Country shippers may receive 13 cents a pint, 27 cents a quart, 18 a pound. O. B. country shipping point. Wholesale ceilings are 16.3 a pint, 32 a quart, 21.3 a pound; retail 20.8 a pint, 44.8 a quart and 28.5 a pound.

Hardware Hon
CARNegie, Ocla, April 7—(AP)—When J. T. Johnson's new drive to build a new Veterans' home for the city of Portland was announced, it was met with a cold reception. In the animal's stomach were found 58 fence staples, five copper fragments, 14 pieces of tin, two small stones and ten pieces of wire.

German Gold Reserve, Currency, Works of Art Found by Yankee Troops

WITH THE U. S. THIRD ARMY, April 7—(AP)—German gold reserves estimated at 100 tons of bullion plus vast amounts of currency and art treasures have been found in a salt mine by the Third army.

The mine is near Moerkers, 25 miles southwest of Gotha. Besides the gold the booty included three billion marks in currency, \$2,000,000 in American currency, 100,000,000 French francs, 110,000 British pounds, 4,000,000 Norwegian crowns and lesser amounts in Turkish and Spanish money.

Army Take-Over Of Closed Meat Packeries Advised

WASHINGTON, April 7—(AP)—Convinced by investigation that there may be no meat for export—including lend-lease—after July, a special house food committee today proposed:

1. The army take over closed packing plants and turn out its own beef to break the general supply shortage.

2. A cut in the meat quota at hotels and restaurants.

3. The army lower its standards so that it can use some of the lower grade of beef, increasing the prime supply generally.

4. The government peg the price of pork to growers at \$13 through September, 1946, to guarantee a steady flow of hogs to market, ceiling prices would be unchanged.

5. The War Food administration "Explore every incentive" to bring the abundance of beef in from the ranges and start it to packers.

6. Army purchase of poultry "out of the regions where there is plenty of red meat and not in the area serving meat deficit cities."

The proposals developed yesterday at a White House meeting between the committee members and top government officials concerned with the domestic and world food supply.

Tropical Disease Hits 25 Pendleton Residents

PENDLETON, Ore., April 7—(AP)—A malarial fever which has stricken 25 people here, feared to be an infectious tropical disease, is only catarrhal jaundice—a comparatively mild ailment, the acting state health officer said today.

Umatilla county physicians thought returning Pacific war veterans might have carried the dread tropical variety of jaundice. Dr. Albert Miller said early symptoms of the mild and serious disease were identical.

Most of the cases are children.

Ceiling Price Changed on Privately-Owned Timber

WASHINGTON, April 7—(AP)—Privately-owned western timber undergoes a change in ceiling prices after April 12, OPA announced today.

On that date, ceilings will be based on prices at which the forest service or the Interior department sell publicly-owned tracts. Currently, ceilings are based on prices at which the nearest comparable tract of publicly-owned timber had been sold.

Two-Gun Female Nabbed For Stealing Blanket

BAKER, Ore., April 7—(AP)—Mrs. Jackie Gander, Miles City, Mont., who police said calls herself "Two-Gun Jack from Montana," was jailed here today, accused of stealing a hotel blanket.

Officers said she left this note in her hotel room: "From Two-Gun Jack from Montana. I have your blanket off your bed. Be back in three weeks and pay you for it."

Youths Under 18 Face Dance Attendance Ban

KEISO, Wash., April 7—(AP)—All youths under 18, even though accompanied by parents, will be barred from public dances in Cowlitz county, the county juvenile officer ruled today.

Vienna Nazis Unable to Halt Russian Tide

(By the Associated Press)

The red army today began the job of driving the Germans from Vienna, a Moscow dispatch said.

As soviet storm columns on the south and southeast limits of the Austrian capital pushed relentlessly northward in the building to building battle—some presumably within the city proper—there were what the Moscow account called "good indications" that the nazis faced encirclement unless they made an early withdrawal.

The Russians met a heavy curtain of mortar and sniper fire, but a Moscow dispatch said the red army power appeared to be too much for the defenders, battling for each house. Heavy engagements were reported in the western suburbs.

Russian troops which severed the Vienna-Linz highway earlier in the fighting fought their way eastward today toward the capital. Apparently this Russian wing captured places north of the deer park and was threatening to cut off nazi artillery in the Vienna woods.

Russian infantry in large numbers was being moved up to the outer suburbs to back up the so-

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44 German Planes Shot Down by Yankee Bombers In Battle Over Targets

LONDON, April 7—(AP)—At least 44 German planes were shot down today as the Nazis pressed frantic attacks against 1,300 American bombers and 850 fighters making a sweep of airfields, ammunition dumps and rail yards ahead of allied armies rolling across northern Germany.

Heavy combat occurred within 50 miles of Hamburg. In the district where several of today's targets were located.

At the same time Italian-based planes of the 15th air force attacked rail lines and other communications in northern Italy for the third straight day.

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Wheat Spoilage Rumor Receives Refutation

PORTLAND, April 7—(AP)—The western regional director of the Commodities Credit corporation scoffed today at a report that 700,000 bushels of government-owned wheat had spoiled in San Francisco.

Earl C. Corey said all government wheat in the seven western states which he directs is in good condition.

I haven't even heard of any privately-owned wheat spoiling. I think somebody got off on the wrong foot," he said.

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Fined For Spree After Misleading Officers by Fib

Wallace A. Trout, 43, Talent, Ore., paid a fine of \$25 in the Roseburg justice court today on a charge of being drunk on a public highway, and was released from custody, after sending state and city police officers on a wild goose chase early this morning.

Trout was picked up by a passing motorist about midnight, after he had rolled his automobile off the highway near Myrtle Creek. Trout was brought to the city jail by the motorist, who told officers, Chief of Police Erwin Short reported, that he had been speeding to Eugene following receipt of word that a nine months' old son had died following an attack of measles. He was reported to have said that a four-year old son was riding with him in the automobile.

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Yamato, 45,000 Tons, Five Other Enemy War Craft Sunk in Combat

Pacific Sky Raiders Leave Trail of Fires

MANILA, April 7—(AP)—Air operations are stealing the show in the Philippines theater.

This latest one-day record for planes was reported in Gen. MacArthur's communique today:

Heavily attacked Hongkong a third consecutive day, wrecking three merchant ships with direct hits and starting tremendous fires along the waterfront.

Lost 72 tons of fragmentation bombs on Toyohara airfield, Formosa, firing many parked planes.

Sank or damaged three sizable tankers and two small freighters in the Pescadore Islands, west of Formosa.

Sank 17 small Japanese cargo ships south of Hongkong.

Started large fires in Takan oil storage area of northern Formosa.

Tabayas Capital Seized

And, most sensational because of its very daring, troops of the 11th airborne division were forced 20 miles in tiny one-passenger cubs planes to capture Lucena, capital of Tabayas province on southern Luzon, and Lucena's two airfields.

The Lucena attack was the strangest yet in the southwest Pacific war. The tiny liaison planes which normally are used for

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Bardit Gets Cash From Safe in Safeway Store

PORTLAND, April 7—(AP)—A lone gunman forced a Safeway store manager and clerk to open a store safe by "the count of ten" last night as the manager fumbled with the combination in the darkened store.

Manager Harold J. Johnson said the thug told them to "open that safe in a hurry or I'll kill you both."

Police said the gunman scooped two pouches of coin and several packages of bills from the safe, then fled across a nearby field.

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Susuki Cabinet Formed; Peace Bid Seems Probable



Baron Suzuki

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7—(AP)—Japan's third war cabinet was formed today amid the roar of demolition bombs bursting in Tokyo from the greatest land-based air raid ever mounted against Japan.

The Japanese Domei news agency announced that Premier Baron Suzuki, 77, appointed himself foreign minister and Greater East Asia minister, two of the most important posts in the cabinet.

Suzuki's retention of the key non-military posts recalled speculation that, with his old time reputation as a moderate, he may have been selected to lead efforts to arrive at a negotiated peace.

The cabinet positions he kept for himself are the ones that would be involved in any peace offensive.

In pre-war years Admiral Suzuki was considered one of Japan's moderate statesmen and an opponent of the extreme army clique's aggressive adventures.

He was seriously wounded in the Tokyo army revolt of Feb. 26, 1936, when he held the post of lord chamberlain.

The young officers who led that revolt held Suzuki was counselling moderation on the emperor. Several invaded his home and he received several sword cuts, so severe that for a time his life was despaired of.)

Troops, Nazi War Prisoners Battle Mississippi Flood

NEW ORLEANS, April 7—(AP)—Troops were thrown today into the flood battle in Louisiana where a half million acres have been inundated and more than 5,000 families driven from their homes.

Troops were sent to help hold the Cane River levee, where engineers said a critical situation existed.

A thousand German prisoners of war are being used to sandbag flood river levees. In many places the entire population of towns pitched in with shovels and sacks.

Army field kitchens and tented refugee colonies dotted the dry areas.

Relief agency officials expected the refugee list to increase daily since the flood crests are several days away. The Red Cross said it was prepared to care for 150,000 refugees.

A big plane dropped rafts to persons stranded on rooftops at East Point.

Preparations are being rushed to blast open within the next few days the hitherto unused Morganza floodway, which will divert 640,000 cubic feet of water a second from the lower Mississippi into the gulf.

Before the floodway is opened, 1,000 families must be evacuated and a 10-foot levee must be built to protect Morgan city, at the gulf end of the 1,000-square-mile basin.

Neutrality Break Not to Halt Goods for Russia

PORTLAND, April 7—(AP)—The flow of goods from the Pacific coast ports to Russia will not be cut by the U. S. S. K.'s abandonment of the Japanese neutrality pact, a War Shipping administration official said today.

George Powell, assistant WSA Pacific coast director, said the volume of soviet-bound shipments from the Columbia river—particularly Portland and Longview—would be unchanged.

"Nor do I expect the Russian action to have any effect on any other Pacific coast port," Powell said.

Nippons Also Lose 391 Planes In Fight 50 Miles From Japan; Three Yankee Destroyers Sunk

GUAM, April 7—(AP)—Six Japanese warships, including their largest remaining battleship—the 45,000-ton Yamato, and 391 enemy planes were destroyed in a two-day battle between planes and surface units of the two fleets yesterday and today, only 50 miles from Japan, Adm. Nimitz announced.

Three United States destroyers were sunk, several others and some smaller craft damaged. Seven American planes were lost.

Japanese fleet losses in addition to the battleships were an Agano-class light cruiser, one other lighter cruiser, and three destroyers.

The battle opened Friday afternoon when heavy forces of

First Fighter Planes Escort B-29s In Raid on Tokyo, Nagoya War Plants

GUAM, April 7—(AP)—More than 300 fighter-escorted Superforts raided Tokyo today in the greatest land-based raid ever made on Japan and the first involving land based fighter planes.

Mustangs from recently captured Iwo Jima, 750 miles south of Tokyo, made up the fighter contingent of the "very large task force" which also raided Nagoya shortly before noon today.

The first fighter mission over Tokyo presages future steady employment of Mustangs as Superfort escorts.

Mustangs definitely shot down 21 enemy fighters and six probabilities. Ten were damaged. Two P 51s were lost.

Mustangs struck the Nakajima-Musashino aircraft engine plant in western Tokyo. The second group in the "very large task force" of Superforts hit the Mitsubishi aircraft plant at Nagoya.

Japanese planes attacked United States ships and shore installations in the vicinity of Okinawa.

The Yamato—reported damaged last month in a carrier raid on Japan's inland sea and last October in the battle of Leyte gulf when her sister ship, the Musashi was sunk—went down after being hit by eight torpedoes and eight bombs.

The continuing attack finished off the light Agano-class cruiser, the small cruiser and three destroyers. Three destroyers were left burning and about three others escaped the attack. All of the ships were strafed heavily with rockets and machineguns.

Loan Plan to Aid Small Business Launched by RFC

WASHINGTON, April 7—(AP)—The government's biggest lending agency uncorked today a share-the-loan program for little business.

Billion-dollar Reconstruction Finance corporation has quietly set in motion a two-fold operation which it believes will provide small business firms with all the postwar financial help they will need.

The RFC outlined the plan as follows:

1. The agency will participate in bank loans to industry whenever a bank requests it. RFC will, in effect, guarantee up to 75 per cent of the loan, and will actually put up 75 per cent of the money any time the bank calls for it. The RFC participation occurs automatically on request of the bank.

The total amount of the loans must be no more than \$250,000.

2. If a business enterprise can't get a bank loan it may come to RFC and, if considered deserving, will be granted a loan direct. Such loans will include money to be used as working capital.

RFC announced recently it would participate in loans made by credit pools set up regionally by groups of banks. Now this program has been extended to include loans