

Hitler Rejection of Czech Plans Reported

Chinese Claim Victory on River

Japanese Lose Bloody Battle Along Yangtze

Chinese Commanders Say Heavy Casualties Are Inflicted Key Point on Rails Said Captured by Chinese in Counterfight

SHANGHAI, Sept. 2.—(Friday) —(AP)—Chinese military commanders reported today Japanese forces had been defeated on Yangtze valley fronts in the bloodiest fighting of recent months.

On the north bank of the Yangtze river, the Chinese said they fought Hwangmei, 20 miles north of Klukiang, base of the Japanese Yangtze valley operations 135 miles below Hankow, China's provisional capital which the invaders hope to reach before winter sets in.

Japanese reported earlier that their offensives were "progressing" on both the Yangtze and Yellow river fronts.

Japanese spokesmen said simply that both army and naval forces southeast of Hankow were advancing, with aviation playing a most important part.

Unconfirmed Chinese advices said Japanese troops were routed and driven back to the east in a battle near Julchang, about 100 miles southeast of Hankow.

Japanese naval aviators reported bombardment of the rail junction town of Chuchow, south of Changsha, Hunan province.

Rattlesnake Pete Passes to Beyond PORTLAND, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Rattlesnake Pete died Wednesday at the age of 60.

Melvin N. Oberst, in charge of livestock for the Schlusser Brothers meat concern, was the way the death notice read, but old range riders mourned the passing of Rattlesnake.

Born in Columbia, O., in 1877, Mel Oberst went to Miles City, Mont., as a boy and got to be a "top hand" known from Texas to Idaho.

Even after he settled down to city life, Rattlesnake went back to the range in 1926 to participate in the dramatic rounding up of 350,000 head of wild horses in Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and northern California.

Working with precision that almost re-proved the magician's rule that the hand is quicker than the eye, Mrs. St. Clair yesterday put 19,000 pears through her routine.

She worked from 7 p. m. to 5:45 a. m., and up to midnight, which means in the next half of the shift she gained 1000 on the time in which workers are supposed to be the peepiest.

One factor which helped was that on her belt medium size pears so nearly perfect that little trimming was necessary came through—but that doesn't take away from the fact that she had to handle every pear.

Incidentally, many workers are happy if they pile up 9000 or 10,400 pears for a shift.

Final: Trimmers are paid by the thousand!

"\$30 Every Thursday" Was That Nominated Him, F. McAdoo



Pictured with his family is Sheridan Downey, who defeated William Gibbs McAdoo in the race for nomination as democratic U. S. senator in the California primaries.

Pickets Withdraw From Hotel Doors

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 1.—(AP)—A major break in Portland's 85 days old hotel strike came tonight with removal of pickets at five downtown hotels.

Union officials declined to comment on the situation. Pickets disappeared from the Roosevelt hotel. At midnight, replacements failed to appear at the Benson, Imperial, Park Avenue and Corneille hotels.

Pickets were withdrawn yesterday from the Fairfield hotel when a new management accepted union conditions.

Eleven other hotels continued to operate behind picket lines. The five AFL unions involved seek recognition.

Elderly Man Dies When Hit by Car

WOODBURN, Sept. 1.—Joseph Hortsch, 72, was killed shortly after 8 o'clock tonight when he was struck by a southbound car as he was crossing the Pacific highway here.

The driver of the car, Harry Poland of Philomath, was not held.

Hortsch, who celebrated his gold wedding anniversary here June 18, 1937, had been caring for the auto wrecking shop of his son, Steve, who is on a trip to Minnesota, and was going home from work when the accident occurred.

Survivors include the widow and six children. Arrangements are in charge of Beecher-O'Hair mortuary.

Suit Filed to Block Measure To Stop Fixed Gear Fishing

Suit to restrain the secretary of state from certifying for the November election ballot the initiative measure forbidding fishing for salmon and steelhead with fixed gear in the Columbia river and its tributaries was filed in circuit court here yesterday in the name of Dist. Atty Lyle J. Page.

Sponsors of the initiative, named defendants along with Secretary Earl Snell, are listed as J. G. Beck, Hugo Paul, Frederick S. Wilhelm, E. A. Stovik and Orlin Young, Jay Bowman and W. S. U'Ren are attorneys for the plaintiff.

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Complaint Issued By Electric Co-op

The Salem Electric Cooperative association which was organized here recently Thursday filed a complaint with the state utilities commissioner to compel the Portland General Electric company to furnish it power at a commercial rate apparently for distribution to certain Salem downtown business houses.

Hull Stays Aloof From Purge Drive

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull held aloof publicly today from the administration's campaign to name a democratic Sen. Millard E. Tydings of Maryland.

Postal Receipts Strike new High

Salem postal receipts for August skyrocketed \$7323.10 over the local receipts for the previous month and also marched \$5191.46 beyond the figure for August, 1937.

Estabrook Retrial Will Open Tuesday

Retrial of John Estabrook, Washington county, who is charged with bombing operations, will open at Hillsboro next Tuesday.

Defense Bares Davis' Trysts With Showgirl

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—(AP)—The defense today threw a blazing spotlight on the semi-clandestine trysts of Hope Dare and J. Richard (Dick) Davis, the state's star witness in the policy racket trial of Tammany District Leader James J. Hines.

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Death Toll Reaches 99 As Japan Counts Cost After Typhoon Passes

TOKYO, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Japan, clearing away wreckage left by a 75-mile-an-hour typhoon, tonight counted at least 99 dead, scores of persons injured or missing and property damage estimated as high as 100,000,000 yen (\$28,000,000).

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Dick Durrance Visits Winter Olympic Field

PORTLAND, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Dick Durrance, captain of the Dartmouth college ski team, and Jarvis Sheffield, ex-Amherst college captain, today visited Timberline lodge on Mount Hood and scanned probable courses for the national Olympic tryouts here next April 1 and 2.

\$75,000 of Opium Seized From Ship

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 1.—(AP)—The second big seizure of narcotics of the summer was made today aboard the Philippine steamship Don Jose by U. S. customs searching squad.

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Sudeten Head Confers With Nazi Fuehrer

BERCHTESGADEN, Germany, Sept. 1.—(AP)—High Nazi sources tonight reported Konrad Henlein, leader of Czechoslovakia's Germanic minority, had departed for Prague for home bearing Adolf Hitler's rejection of an important part of Czech peace plans but carrying new counter-proposals.

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