

French Aces Defeat Nazis

Ground Forces Drive Into Haardt Mountains as Airmen Engage

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rest of the front sprang into action.

Advices from the front said shells screamed across the Rhine at the Siegfried fortifications all the way from Karlsruhe south to the Swiss frontier. Main Siegfried Line Now Being Reached
It was the first time the southern flank, where the Maginot and Siegfried lines are separated only by the Rhine, has been active since some French artillery operations the first two days of the war. The French drive into the Haardt mountains was reaching out toward the Siegfried line itself, military dispatches indicated. The Haardt range, a continuation of the Vosges mountains, covers a 20-mile sector between the German town of Pirmasens and the French town of Wissembourg.

The quick French blows, military observers said, were designed to keep the Germans so occupied they would be unable to launch the general offensive which the French have expected for several days.

Weak Spot in Line Assaulted

Observers said the French apparently believed they had found a weak spot in the Nazi lines, where the Germans trusted to the difficulty of the terrain to protect the Siegfried line.

This mountainous area, heavily wooded and cut by small streams, is the only sector of the northern flank east of the German key city of Saarbruecken which the Germans failed to test in their scouting and raiding operations last week.

The French were apparently waging an artilleryman's war on

US Envoy Escapes War Zone



Anthony J. Drexel Biddle (right), United States ambassador to Warsaw escaped the war zone. In this radiophoto from Berlin he is shown in earnest conversation. The caption, as passed by the Berlin censors, said he was outside

the theory that their heavy caliber shells would be the most effective means of making contact with the main Siegfried forts and softening the reinforced walls.

Tomnies Move Up Beside French Army

Now that French guns were reported implaced on German soil all the way along the northern flank from the Moselle river valley on the Luxembourg frontier to the center of the front at Lauterbourg, the French high command apparently had given orders for a methodical shelling of the Siegfried line from one end to the other.

British troops were reported continuing to move up toward the front. It was announced authoritatively there were almost six times as many British divisions ready for service in 1939 as there were at the start of the World war a quarter of a century ago.

The British reported 32 divisions were ready, some of which already had started taking their places in the front line as contrasted to the six divisions of "old contingents" in 1914.

The name "old contingents" was adopted by the British from a description of them by the then Kaiser Wilhelm.

Another Theatre Added for Salem

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The theatre will seat 700 persons and the design is to be "streamlined" with arrangements for installing the most modern equipment, the proprietors added. The remodeling will involve new construction of the building except for the outside walls. RCA Photophone projection and sound equipment will be installed.

Present occupants of the property are the F. E. Shafer leather goods store and the Mathis paint, wallpaper and roofing store. Mr. Shafer announced that he would move his business to the former Buster Brown location, 125 North Commercial street. Vern D. Mathis was not ready to announce his new location but expected to do so soon.

Selection of Salem as a location for a new theatre was made after the proprietors had investigated possibilities in cities throughout western Oregon, and after Mr. Randall had toured the entire northwest, they declared Monday afternoon.

The conclusion that Salem offered the most attractive opportunity and were enthusiastic about the city's future.

Aberdeen's Bear Menace no More

ABERDEEN, Sept. 25-(P)—"Bremen," Aberdeen's wild big black bear, today was shot to death while strolling through Samuel Benn park, four blocks from the downtown district.

The bear first appeared Friday night and walked along sidewalks in the Broadway hill residential district.

The bear was named "Bremen" because it was big—it weighed 250 pounds—and was elusive.

Troy Will Face Same UO Backs

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 25-(P)—Coach Tex Oliver said today he probably would start at least two University of Oregon backfield men who played in last year's Oregon-USC game when the Webfoots play Troy at Los Angeles Saturday. They are Emmons, fullback, and Donovan, quarter.

Jay Graybeal, who was on the sick list when USC walked Oregon last year, at left half, and Buck Berry, newcomer, right half, will complete the backfield.

Rose City Trio Wins

CHICAGO, Sept. 25-(P)—The Women's auxiliary of the American Legion announced tonight at a glee club from Toledo, O., won first place among choruses in the national women's music contest. Toledo was also first in trios. Second place was won by Rose City unit No. 85 of Portland, Oregon, represented by Belma Meredith, Lucile Freeman, and Fay Homan.

AT HAYESVILLE—Mrs. W. Ayres of the American Baptist Women's Mission society is visiting Mrs. Brilla Halbert.

Legion Policy On War Talked

US Conventioneers Cheer Speakers' Appeals for Neutrality, Might

CHICAGO, Sept. 25-(P)—The policy makers of the American Legion today turned to the task of outlining their current views on neutrality—one of the most momentous issues in the history of the organization.

A committee on foreign relations was assigned to work of drafting a report on the subject amid predictions that the nation in general and congress in particular would be influenced by the pronouncement.

While the committeemen retired from the hurly burly of the legion's 21st national convention, a battery of orators representing the federal government, states and cities counselled Americans to:

- Stay out of Europe's conflict.
- Build an invulnerable army and navy.
- Array the countries in the western hemisphere in a united peace front.

- Turn a deaf ear to propaganda.
- 11,000 Cheer Words

An audience of 11,000 members of the Legion and its auxiliaries, gathered in the flag-festooned coliseum for the first general session of the annual meeting, applauded the appeals for a neutrality backed by a formidable defense force.

Seated on the rostrum were Henry Ford, Detroit motor magnate and avowed foe of lifting the munitions embargo; Paul V. McNutt, head of the security administration; J. Monroe Johnson, assistant secretary of commerce; Frank T. Hines, chief of the veterans' administration; and other leaders in civil and military life.

Stephen F. Chadwick, national commander of the American Legion, admonished the members to use "solemn, deliberate" judgment in recommending the course to be followed by the US but pointed out that the actual steps the nation must take to avoid the path to war must be determined by congress.

Carson Admonishes

Joseph K. Carson, Portland mayor, urged the ex-service men to "strive relentlessly to keep our country out of the present conflict," while advocating a national defense "that will brook no challenge from any greedy world power."

He evoked an outburst of cheering and clapping when he declared the US should be informed that "there is a big war going on across the water and from all accounts it is not a private fight," and continued:

"If they don't like the way we do things let them come over here where they can translate their violent ideas into violent action."

Klamath, Astoria, Crashes Kill two

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 25-(P)—A car struck a power pole and overturned into a ditch on the Klamath Falls-Merrill highway yesterday, killing Virgil O'Riley, 25, and injuring two others, Coroner George Adler reported.

ASTORIA, Sept. 25-(P)—Theodore Lahti, 65, was instantly killed today when struck by an automobile on the coast highway at Young's Bay.

District Attorney Garnet L. Green prepared an involuntary manslaughter complaint against Walter H. Burruss of Seaside, driver of the car.

Sheriff Paul Kearney said Lahti was struck from behind.

THE DALLES, Sept. 25-(P)—Clifford Nash, 21, Hood River, is dead today and three companions, including two girls, are nursing injuries as a result of a traffic accident en route to the Wasco county fair at Tygh valley yesterday.

The girls, Isabel Garner, 17, and Roberta Bailey, 20, were critically injured.

October 30 Set For Drager Trial

Tentative trial dates for County Treasurer D. G. Drager and W. Y. Richardson, his former deputy, on charges of larceny of public money, were announced yesterday by Francis E. Marsh, assistant attorney general in charge of the prosecution.

Marsh said Drager's trial was slated for October 30. George Rhoten, one of the treasurer's attorneys, said, however, that Custer E. Ross, with whom he is associated in the case, would be unable to accept that date because of another trial already set for that time at Albany.

November 13 was fixed by Marsh as time for retrial of Richardson, who was tried first early in July. The jury failed to agree on a verdict.

The two men face a joint indictment which alleges existence of a \$23,000 shortage in the treasurer's office as of last October 31.

America Adds Strength Of 14 Planes in East

MANILA, Sept. 25-(P)—America's armed forces in the far east were increased today by 14 big navy patrol bombers, which completed the first mass flight ever attempted between Hawaii and the Philippines. The planes left Pearl harbor Tuesday and followed the 5,586-mile route flown by Pan American Airways, via the island stepping stones of Midway, Wake and Guam.

Tuna Running Heavily

NEWPORT, Ore., Sept. 25-(P)—Tuna fishermen operating out of this port said tonight large schools of albacore were running about 25 miles due west of Yaquina head. One boat, the Wolverine, took 22,000 pounds of fish in two days and Nick Ulyang of the Hoover landed 26,000 pounds which he said he took in four days.

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20,000 Fall in China In Drive on Changsha

SHANGHAI, Sept. 26.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—A total of 20,000 soldiers—10,000 for each side—were said by Japanese and Chinese reports today to have been killed in Japan's present drive on the south central city of Changsha.

The drive started shortly after Tokyo and Moscow reached a truce—on Sept. 15—in the dispute over the outer Mongolia-Manchoukuo frontier.

Japanese military authorities said it had reached a point 25 miles from the city. Chinese officers earlier said the invaders were repulsed 60 miles away.

Capture of the city, however, would not give Japan the prize it once would have. Chinese, expecting a drive to be opened on Changsha last October, burned much of it to the ground at that time.

The Japanese military said 60 Chinese divisions consisting of some 300,000 men were outflanked by three Japanese columns driving southward from Tungting lake.

Chinese Muddled

The retreating Chinese, they said, ran into their own advancing reinforcements, creating an excellent target for Japanese bombs and aerial machine-gunning.

Japan's westward attack toward Changsha, from Nanchang, in Kiangsi province, was said to have brought steady fighting to fronts extending 200 miles east and west and 100 miles north and south.

A new outbreak of aerial activity was reported from Foochow, where it was estimated that at least 1,000 Chinese were killed or wounded by Japanese bombing in northern Fukien province during the last week.

Convicts Trapped With 4 Hostages

MENOMINEE, Mich., Sept. 25-(P)—Four convicts who fled from the northern Michigan prison at Marquette late today were captured without a shot tonight, and the officials they carried with them on their flight rescued, after their automobile overturned on a sharp curve five miles north of Menominee.

The capture climaxed a wild 90-mile-an-hour chase after the convicts had met a police barricade at the north edge of Menominee and had sped away under a fusillade of shots.

The quartet kidnaped the warden and three other officials from a parole board meeting late today and, using them as shields from the gunfire of guards, escaped from the prison.

Gibbons' Funeral Slated Wednesday

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Sept. 25-(P)—Floyd Gibbons, 52, famous war correspondent who died of heart disease at his farm near here last night, will be buried in Washington Wednesday.

Services will be conducted at Dahlgren temple, Georgetown university, at 10 a. m. Burial will be in Mount Olivet cemetery.

Carney's Naming Squawks Held off

State Demos Won't Protest Census Choice but Ask More Consideration

Although no official protest of the appointment of Byron G. Carney, Commonwealth Federation vice-president, as director of the census for Oregon, was voted at the meeting of democratic leaders last weekend at the home of Howard F. Latourette, national committeeman, a resolution was adopted asking that government officials hereafter consult the state organization before making appointments, it was reported by D. J. Richards and E. G. Neal who represented Marion county at the meeting.

Another resolution addressed to officials in the commerce department asked that Carney's power

of selecting enumerators be curtailed and that the party officials have some voice in their appointment, it was stated by Mr. Richards, state committeeman.

Choice of a strong candidate for first district congressman in the 1940 campaign was another topic at the meeting, attended by 17 county chairmen and state committeemen.

McMillans Buyers Of Confectionery

The Brookside confectionery near 19th and State streets which has been owned and operated for 14 years by Mr. and Mrs. Max Hill, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Elmo McMillan.

The new owners, who are well known here, will add a light lunch service to the present fountain. The Hills retain ownership of the building to which they have recently added a second story containing two apartments.

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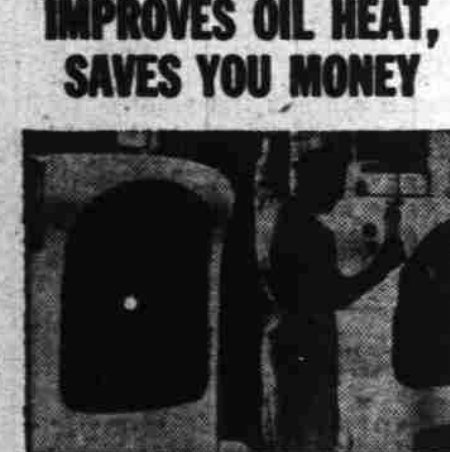


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