

Hitler's Personal Assurance of "Great Success" Seen Ominous To Russ Cause, Says Writer

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Special to The Statesman

Experience with Hitler's war technique gives ominous significance to an official Nazi prediction of impending "great successes" against Russia on the flaming eastern front.

It was datelined from "the fuhrer's headquarters" on that front. That makes it virtually a personal assurance from Hitler to his armies and the German people that a decisive victory is already in sight somewhere along the vast battle line.

The fuhrer has not often risked his personal prestige on such military forecasts from the field. All too often subsequent events have borne him out when he did. And in this case there is much confirmatory evidence that red armies are reeling backward under Nazi and Rumanian hammer blows from the Baltic to the Black sea, but particularly in the center.

That Hitler is established in the field in the vicinity where he expects the most telling stroke to be delivered goes without saying. It is highly probable therefore that he is watching the battle from somewhere in central-eastern Poland, close to the vast Pripiet river marshes.

They are the key to Russia's prime defense system in the west. Nazi-soviet partition of Poland placed all of the 30,000 square miles of swamp lands of the Pripiet system in Russian hands. They span the old Russian-Polish border and form a powerful defensive bastion at the center of Russia's western frontier.

Unofficial Berlin reports indicate that Nazi advances both north and south of the Pripiet marshlands have encountered and overcome the greatest red army concentrations. The roads and railway to Minsk and Moscow run north of the lowlands through level ground. The way to Kiev, far shorter than that to Moscow, skirts them to the south.

Berlin spokesmen said they would soon give details of Nazi victories "baffling the imagination." That might mean that the road to Kiev has been forced, and that Hitler expects soon to go there in person to symbolize quick

Chrysler Balks On Price Rise

Henderson Threatens to Control Industry Charges for Autos

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cause of Chrysler's refusal he was releasing the smaller independents from his request that they rescind price advances, but that a request to the Ford Motor company still was pending. He praised the Packard company for its action in delaying a proposed increase at the request of the office of price administration and civilian supply.

It was not made clear precisely what steps would be taken, although Henderson said that "at the proper time" he would report the full facts to President Roosevelt and congress.

NEW YORK, June 25 (AP)—Several furniture manufacturers announced price increases of about 5 per cent Wednesday despite a request made by Leon Henderson, head of the office of price administration and civilian supply, that plans for higher prices be submitted to him first.

The new increase came on top of rises of 5 to 10 per cent made applicable at the opening of new lines here last Monday.

Guests at St. Louis

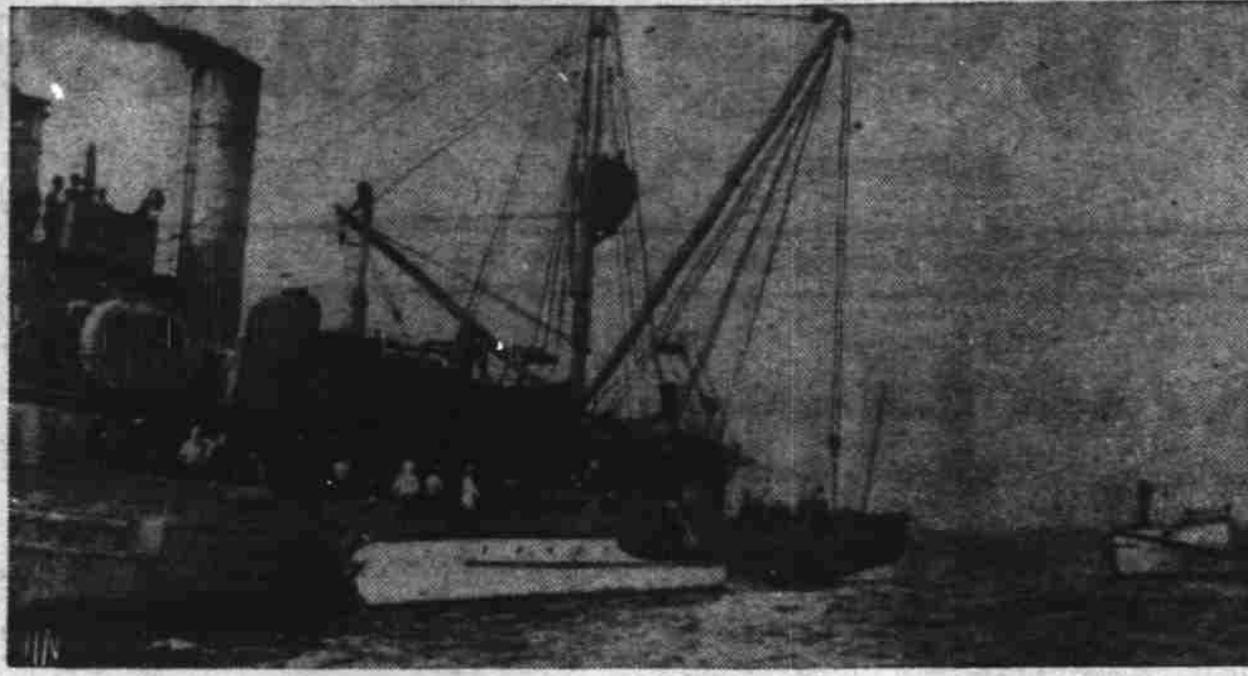
ST. LOUIS—Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Manning Sunday were their daughter, Sr. M. Evangeline, OSB, and Sr. M. Eileen OSB, both of Mt. Angel.

Mrs. Adaline Kennedy, Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mannon, Woodburn, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Manning and children all of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. David Du Bois, Frank DuBois, West Woodburn, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Manning.

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Today—Humphrey Bogart, Ida Lupino in "High Sierra." George Brent, Ann Sheridan in "Honey Moon for Three."
Saturday midnight—Fred MacMur-ray, Madeleine Carroll in "Virginia."

Another View of The Falcon at Disaster Scene



The Navy's trouble-shooting ship Falcon is shown off Portsmouth, N. H., where the submarine O-9 submerged in a test dive and failed to resurface. The Falcon's grappels located the O-9 in more than 400 feet of water. There were 33 officers and men aboard the O-9 when she made her last dive.

Grim Posses Near Seattle Seek Two Killers in Terror Reign

SEATTLE, June 25 (AP)—As a grim army of searchers combed a wide area in two counties, County Prosecutor B. Gray Warner expressed the belief Wednesday that the two killings in the residential area north of Seattle Monday were by different assailants.

The killings were the major crimes in a two-day and night outbreak of violence that included two other shootings in car thefts, night attacks on a woman in bed and a caretaker in a riding stable and frightening of a woman at her front door.

Prosecutor Warner, in asking the county commissioners to post a \$1000 reward, which they agreed to do, asserted:

"It is my opinion at this time that these killings are separate, and that there are two murderers at large who, by the nature of their acts, are potential killers, likely to strike again at any time."

Law enforcement authorities expressed the belief that the ruthless killing of Edward La Fountain, 58, and the shooting of Mrs. La Fountain and R. F. Bull in daylight car thefts were the acts of a homicidal maniac, while the Monday midnight rape and garroting of Mrs. Blanche Link, 43, widowed mother formerly of Chicago, was the type of crime committed by a sexual degenerate.

Both killings were in the suburban area north of Seattle's city limits.

The prosecutor said he did not rule out the possibility that the crimes were the acts of a single fiend, but he asked for \$1000 reward in each case, if two killers were involved.

In the intensive search for the killers, a force of 35 city detectives and deputy sheriffs began a fine-tooth comb check of the city's cheap hotels and rooming houses, on the theory the fugitives might be "holed up," waiting for the manhunt to subside. Citizens were recruited to aid in continuing the close check of the area north of the city and in spotting suspicious actions.

A 59-year-old man was arrested for questioning in Mrs. Link's death but later was released. Another man was arrested and held without charge after a Ballard housewife reported he had accosted her and other women several times on the street.

Albacore Tuna Run Sighted

ASTORIA, Ore., June 25 (AP)—A school of albacore tuna was sighted north of the Columbia river mouth Wednesday, starting the packing industry here into activity.

A scout plane pilot said the tuna were off Destruction Island, traveling fast. The halibut boat Republic also reported sighting the fish.

The pilot said the Japanese current's green water was only 20 miles off shore, closer inland than ever before observed. Fishermen reported the water temperature unusually high at 62 degrees.

With the tuna canning season about to open, packing plant employees said Wednesday they would ask a wage increase to the level paid salmon cannery workers. Negotiations will open next week.

Russians Hurl Back Germans

Nazi Success Boasts Refuted by Soviet; Finland in War

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sorted. Seventeen Russian planes were admitted lost.

All these claims were subsequent to those of the Germans, who said their spear-heads were digging ever deeper into the Soviet soil with the support of dive bombers which ripped and slashed at Russian troops and ammunition trains with notable success.

The Russians mentioned Finland only in reporting they bombed "German airmen" in that country and captured a disgruntled German aviator on the Finnish frontier. No Russian reference was made early Thursday to Finland's announcement of a program of all-out self-defense because of devastating air raids on cities throughout the country.

The Germans have claimed the Finns as allies, along with the Rumanians, ever since the Nazi invasion began Sunday at dawn, but the Finns reluctantly announced abandonment of their shaky neutrality only a few days later.

The Finns, battered day and night by Russian bombing planes which admittedly made shambles of many cities, heard their premier Kuusinen announce to a grim parliament that Finland had at last begun to defend herself with every atom of power she possessed.

Although he mentioned only defense, it was clear that there was scarcely a shade of difference between this and a full state of war. He did not disclose the defensive steps taken, but his announcement showed that the line-up of Russia's active enemies had been nearly doubled, to a length of almost 2000 miles. The Finns stated officially that at least 23 Russian raiders had been shot down up to 6 p. m. Wednesday, but still they came on through the white light of the brief northern night.

On the German and Rumanian-manned front which the Nazis opened up last Sunday at dawn, the Germans claimed successes sufficient to "baffle the world's imagination," saying that the drive was spear-headed by hard-hitting dive-bombers which smashed Soviet troops and munitions trains.

Sweden agreed to permit the Nazis to send a force "not exceeding one division" across her territory from Norway into Finland—although "firmly" resolving to go on trying to stay out of the fighting herself.

A demand for such passage, it was stated in Stockholm, was made by both the Finns and Nazis.

The Russians—thus menaced by subsidiary forces from the north as well as those of Rumania in the south, aside from the main thrust by millions of Germans in the center—announced that Turkey at least had promised to stay neutral.

On the field, the Soviet union claimed to be generally holding fast against the great invasion, and reported head losses by both sides in a wild and far-spread battle of tanks, infantry and artillery.

8-Foot Cougar Slain

MEDFORD, June 25 (AP)—The pelt of an 8-foot, 8-inch cougar, the largest killed in this area in several years, is being displayed by L. L. Lewis, government hunter.

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Major Mock Battle Rages Over Great Front With 53,000 Men Engaged; Reds Outfox Blues

By JACK BEARDWOOD
Special to The Statesman

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, Fourth Army, Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, Calif., June 25—Fifty-three thousand fighting men squared off Wednesday night for major battle after a day of violent but small engagements between advance units had confused the front line situation.

The huge mock battle, climaxing month-long rigorous training for part of the fourth army, featured pinwheel-motion skirmishes and numerous captures as both the "red" and "blue" armies brought pressure to bear along the entire nine-mile front, splitting the middle of the reservation with Jolon and key point.

The southern "reds" were outnumbered 15,000 to 34,000 but employed crafty tactics and used a harmless simulation of "mustard gas" concocted from molasses to slow down the "blues."

While the men, with three days' growth of beard on their faces and military mayhem in their hearts, struggled in the valleys and hills, Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, fourth army commander, and Leslie J. McNair, chief of staff from Washington, watched the effectiveness of the troops and their tactics.

Real death struck twice during the night. A kitchen truck from the Oregon national guard's 162nd infantry rolled over during black-out on the San Antonio river road killing private Clarence L. Sayles, 31, of Corbett, Ore., and Harold L. Vogen, 28, Ferndale, Ore. Five other soldiers were injured.

Through delaying tactics, the "red" 7th division combat team comprising the 32nd infantry and part of the 147th field artillery held back part of the "blue" 34 division on the east side of the reservation. On the west side, the 81st and 82nd brigades of the "blue" 41st division pushed down Stony valley in the face of stubborn resistance by the 17th and 53rd infantry regiments supported by horse drawn artillery.

Rumors flew of captures of high ranking officers but only one was confirmed by fourth army headquarters. Lieutenant Colonel William H. Johnson, supply officer to the 32nd "red" infantry was captured by company A, 186th infantry, a former national guard unit.

One of the most spectacular side shows of the war game was taking place behind "red" lines. "Blue" warplanes were reported raising havoc with "red" supply lines. Supply trucks offer a bald target at the San Antonio river crossing of the Pleyto road, one of the few "red" supply routes. Hedge hopping over trees, planes marked with blue crosses repeatedly attacked the motor movement at this point, diving low to theoretically strafe and bomb the "reds."

Each time a plane came screaming over the hill, the umpires ruled the supply column had been hit and delayed. Because of the molestation, officers said some "red" troops would go hungry Wednesday night and Thursday. Lacking anti-aircraft protection, the "reds" had little chance of hitting a plane with machinegun fire.

One of the "reds" slyest traps was laid near Jolon where several roads intersect. They hid out among the brush and trees and they ambushed each "blue" vehicle as it came into the area. Within an hour company G of the 32nd infantry had taken 10 ambulances, 30 trucks and a crowd of prisoners. One captured Lieutenant concealed an extra set of keys to a truck and, when the guards weren't looking, jumped in the vehicle and drove pell mell over the fields before he could be recaptured.

Engineer troops from both sides played Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde roles—alternately constructing works of their own and destroying enemy projects. Company A of the 10th engineers found the 3rd division stalled after the "reds" had destroyed a bridge on the King City-Jolon road. They located a spot where

the canyon is only 25 feet deep and 80 feet wide. While part of the company hid behind trees and kept the "reds" back with machine guns and rifle fire, the rest of the engineers chopped down trees, laid them in the canyon bottom, brought up a bulldozer and made a fill over which trucks and guns were moving in two hours.

SF Shipyards Strike Over

Workers Vote Return to Work 5 to 1 in Midnight Ballot

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called the month-long strike, the CIO's International Woodworkers of America, have been in dispute with the operators over the terms under which the men returned to work. The board dispatched its wire under the impression that 1500 men still were on strike.

In a telegram from Washington to conciliators assigned to the case, the board sought to clarify its previous recommendations on what it termed a "modification of the union shop." This recommendation, the telegram said, was that "every present employee who belongs to the union and every future employee who joins the union, as a condition of employment, maintain union membership in good standing."

The board also urged employers to recommend that new employees join the union within 40 days.

Originally the strike involved 12,000 workers. The return to work was at a pay increase of 7 1/2 cents an hour and with vacations on pay, pending an economic survey of the industry by a commission.

John L. Lewis, president of the CIO United Mine Workers, indicated he was confident southern soft coal operators would sign a proposed new two-year contract with the union by July 7, and thus make it unnecessary for the union to carry out its threat to close down the southern mines after that date.

The new contract calls for a \$7 a day basic wage, as against the old figure of \$5.60, and contains many other provisions. The points of disagreement were not disclosed.

Mrs. Waddell Cops Smallbore Title

PORTLAND, June 25 (AP)—Tabulation of state meet scores Wednesday showed that Mrs. Ivan K. Waddell, Medford, captured the state smallbore rifle championship on the Clackamas range Sunday.

She shot 3177 points in eight matches, winning a trip to the national meet at Camp Perry, Ohio.

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coastal region Wednesday night and killed a number of war prisoners, the Germans asserted today.

They said only slight damage was done to residential quarters and that one raider was brought down.

NEW YORK June 25—Trustworthy sources told the Associated Press that Germany's offensive against Russia was planned originally for last autumn.

There also were suggestions that the plan actually was behind the invasion of Poland, having been thwarted by the British-French declaration of war when Hitler had believed they would not fight.

But Wednesday's reports only went back as far as last fall, when intimations of the German plan, reaching Moscow, were said to have been responsible for Soviet Premier Moscow's sudden journey to see Hitler last November, after which Nazi pressure veered southward into the Balkans.

Mussolini's premature launching of war against Greece also was considered a factor in Hitler's change of plan.

China Topic Of Speech

It is the will to resist that hold China up and although the Japanese have control of the railway of the north, the coal mines, cotton and flour mills, in fact practically everything they want they have not secured the loyalty of the people, declared Lawrence Todmen, North China secretary for the national committee of Chinese YMCA's, when he spoke before the Rotary club at its luncheon meeting Wednesday.

China's future depends on the future of the world, and the outcome of axis activities, Todmen said. Three great nations of Asia, Russia, Japan and China, have always had conflicting interests and the Japanese navy has had a stabilizing influence in keeping Russia from moving south.

Since Manchuria was taken in 1931 China has been preparing but she wasn't ready in 1937 when the north was invaded, the speaker pointed out.

Special music at the meeting included a piano selection by Richard Stewart and vocal solo by Mrs. Ivan Stewart accompanied by Miss Ruth Bedford.

Picnic Slated At Stayton

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