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Japs Push Through New Guinea Mountains

Troops 44 Miles From Moresby, Invasion Base

Skilled Fighters Flank Allied Troops on Trail; Other Action Said Light

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIA, Thursday, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Japanese troops have pushed through the Owen Stanley mountains and now are less than 44 miles from the big allied base of Port Moresby, keystone of New Guinea defenses, an allied communique said Thursday.

The enemy "successfully outflanked our positions at Myola" on the northern side of the mountains, reached Efogi on the southern side only 44 miles from Port Moresby, and did still another outflanking movement, the allied command announced.

"Fighting is now to the south along a narrow trail which leads across a mountainous divide," the ominous communique said.

Allied airplanes bombed and strafed the enemy in cooperation with ground forces which were fighting "tenaciously and gallantly under conditions of extraordinary hardship and difficulty," the war bulletin said.

The allied defense forces were commanded by Lieut. Gen. S. F. Rowell, former deputy chief of the Australian general staff.

The drive to Efogi represented a 15-mile advance from Kokoda where the Japanese began their drive several days ago.

Despatches from the front said that the enemy already "has covered the toughest part" of the tortuous trail leading to Port Moresby.

Efogi is 44 miles by air from Port Moresby and 53 by trail. The enemy faces several mountain ranges before reaching comparatively level ground leading to the allied base.

While acknowledging that the fighting was under the worst possible conditions, officials here also pointed out that the Japanese thus far had shown a particular adaptability to this type of fighting.

The enemy is reported using special jungle fighters who participated in the overrunning of Malaya and Singapore, and the tactics are the same—a steady infiltration and outflanking of allied defenders who are supplied over muddy mountainous paths from Port Moresby.

Port Moresby's seizure would deprive the allies of its only well-developed base in New Guinea, and open the way to a Japanese invasion of Australia.

Cape York on the northern tip of Australia is only 225 miles from Port Moresby which is equipped with an airbase whence allied bombers have been striking at enemy bases in Japan and eastern New Guinea.

The strength of the Japanese forces now menacing the base was not known, nor have any figures been released on the size of the Port Moresby garrison.

When the Japanese first landed at Buna-Gona mission on the eastern side of the Papuan peninsula late in July their strength was estimated as high as 2500 men. Reinforcements of undisclosed number have been landed.

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Water Lines Asked For Flax Sheds

Installation of a pipe line and several hydrants, for the protection of the state penitentiary flax sheds, was recommended by the state board of control Wednesday.

The cost of the project was estimated at \$25,000.

The board deferred action on the report until the next meeting. Recent fires destroyed two of the prison flax sheds and contents with a loss estimated at \$25,000.

Warden George Alexander's report, having to do with how the fire started, was not completed in time for Wednesday's meeting of the board but will be presented next week, he said.

The arson squad of the state police department is assisting Alexander in his investigation.

Both flax sheds are to be rebuilt.

Reds Continue Retreat on Volga

Nazi Tanks Smash; Berlin Claim Is Piercing of City

Frontal Assault Gains Headway; Soviets Claim 73 Nazi Divisions Routed in Four Months; Peril Great

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Thursday, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Massed German tanks and infantry smashed in a frontal assault toward the western gates of Stalingrad forced the red army to give up two more populated places in the third Russian retreat in as many days, an official announcement said early Thursday.

German troops also "broke into the northwestern outskirts"

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), Sept. 9.—(AP)—Some German troops before Stalingrad have advanced in one area to the city itself, the German Transocean news agency reported Wednesday night. Just where the advance was made was not stated.

Russian Troops were reported holding on the southwest approaches to Stalingrad, but in the Caucasus the nazis were acknowledged to have broken into the northwestern outskirts of Novorossiisk on the Black sea coast.

The news agency's dispatch, broadcast by the Berlin radio, said the Russians despite reinforcements and strong defenses have not been able to change the situation anywhere in their favor and fighting continues according to the German schedule.

of Novorossiisk, soviet Black sea naval base in the Caucasus which the Germans claimed capturing Sunday, despite "tremendous losses in men and material," the communique acknowledged.

While the fight for Stalingrad raged on, the soviet bureau of information in a summary of the summer fighting said 73 enemy divisions, including 45 German, were routed by the soviets between May 1 and August 31. On the Russian side, a special announcement said, 42 soviet rifle divisions and 25 brigades suffered considerable losses in the same period.

(The Germans had broadcast a statement Monday that 56 red army divisions and 93 brigades had been smashed by the nazis from May 1 to August 31—the same period covered in the Russian announcement.)

Courageous red army men trying to make a "Red Verdun" of Stalingrad were reported fighting against tanks with only rifles, but the tremendous German armored columns attacking frontally were creeping closer daily to the imperiled Volga river city. (The Berlin radio quoted a dispatch as saying that some German troops had reached the city itself.)

Southwest of Stalingrad the Russians said their troops were repulsing constant attacks and that at least 21 more nazi tanks had been destroyed, and three German-Rumanian infantry companies annihilated.

The Russians fighting against numerical and mechanical odds west of the city had fought two days to hold the two populated places before yielding, the communique said. One rifle unit was said to have destroyed 10 German tanks, 14 guns and 200 enemy troops in this losing battle.

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'Fair' Misses Salem Day Throng

Eighteen thousand enthusiastic Salem residents did not walk or drive through the white gates at the state fairground for Salem day Wednesday.

Minus the throngs that ordinarily characterize fair events this week in the year, Oregon's wartime miniature state fair, devoted only to 4H club exhibits and fat livestock events, opened at the fairgrounds Wednesday for a three-day run.

One section of the fat stock show at the livestock barns, however, bears near resemblance to previous fairs, for Fair Manager Leo G. Spitzbart has seen to it that flags and banners are floating above the judging rings. Other exhibits of clubbers are displayed in the grandstand exhibit quarters and make a good showing in this large area.

Twenty seven counties were represented in the projects re-

ceived up to Wednesday night, and more may arrive in the days this morning. This showing State Club Leader E. C. Seymour considers remarkable in view of prevailing conditions.

Club boys and girls from eight western Oregon counties and the city of Portland are participating in the fat market livestock judging and showmanship contests, which are the only events of this nature. Counties represented in the stock division are Linn, Lane, Benton, Clackamas, Marion, Clatsop, Multnomah and Washington.

Thirty two boys competed in the fat stock judging contests concluded just before 6 o'clock Wednesday night. Each boy judged eight classes of market animals—three each hogs and lambs and two beef steers—and then presented both written and oral reasons for their placings on two of these classes.

2-Tone Shoes Lose to War

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP) Some of those fancy shoes, including the two-tone jobs, became war casualties Wednesday.

To save leather, the war production board prohibited the manufacture of two-colored footwear, and reduced the variety of colors and styles to be made for next spring and summer. No restrictions were placed, however, on the total number of shoes to be produced.

Colors were limited to the following: Black, white, turtan, army russet, town brown and blue.

Except for blucher out laced boots and cowboy utility boots, the order prohibits the manufacture of leather boots of any kind, effective October 31.

Europe Cities Feel Air Raid

LONDON, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Soviet radio broadcasts Wednesday night in Berlin, Paris, Budapest and old Czechoslovakia indicated that allied bombers were ranging over great areas of German-occupied Europe from both British and Russian airdromes.

The evidence of air raid was most positive in Budapest where the announcer in his last words before going off the air told of an alert.

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Kaiser Finds No Verdict On Planes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP) Henry J. Kaiser said Wednesday night that a conference with Donald M. Nelson, war production chief, had produced "no verdict" on his proposal for the mass construction of huge cargo carrying airplanes.

Nelson had previously told newsmen after the conference that "we are going to pursue this thing just as rapidly as possible to its logical conclusion."

He did not say just what he implied by "logical conclusion."

Kaiser said the conference was handicapped by the fact that neither his own engineer, Douglas Albert, nor K. F. Ridley, engineer for his associate, Howard Hughes, was present.

The engineers, he said, were in possession of all the complete and final details of plans for the cargo ships and little progress could be made without them.

He is prepared to use either aluminum or plywood in construction, he said.

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Grain Bin Building Awarded

OP&P Lumber To Fabricate Sections Here

Contracts to fabricate wall sections for 250 emergency emergency grain storage bins being purchased by federal agencies for distribution among wheat growers has been obtained by the lumber division, formerly the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company's Salem sawmill, sash and door factory, of Oregon Pulp & Paper Co., it was disclosed Wednesday by E. A. Linden, manager of the division. Value of the contract was not revealed.

Linden said production probably would get under way next Monday on the order.

The demounted wall sections will be cut and drilled to specifications in a temporary 40 by 164-foot roofed pavilion built on the lumber plant's old retail yard property across Front street to the east from the sash and door plant, at the rear of the Salem Feed and Seed company building.

The initial 250 units constitute more or less a trial operation, with orders for "ten times that many" being available if the pre-fabrication plan works out well, Linden indicated. C. D. Johnson Lumber company of Toledo, Ore., is the inventor of this particular type of bin and the holder of the prime contract.

The bins involved are 11-sided, approximately 20 feet in diameter and 15 feet high. No metal is required for their erection and only short lengths—six to eight feet—of two-inch grain-proof fir lumber are required for their construction. Each unit holds 3400 bushels. They are held together by interlocking ends of the wall planks, reinforced by wooden ties.

If sufficient lumber can be obtained to augment that available from the OP&P company sawmill here, it is planned to run the bin plant three eight-hour shifts a day, 12 to 15 men per shift, Linden said.

The management hopes to complete its 250-unit order, requiring approximately one million feet of lumber, within a month's time.

Aside from the crews to run the bin plant, the mill, sash and door and box factories operated on Front street by the OP&P lumber division is now operating 200 men. More than 90 per cent of the three units' output is going into war and closely related construction, Linden said.

Luxembourg Calls Strike

By The Associated Press

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Amends



SEN. ROBERT TAFT Asks savings report

Forced Saving To Be Studied

Victory Levy Added To Revenue Bill In Committee

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP)—A congressional survey of compulsory savings plans to meet a substantial share of war costs was approved Wednesday by the senate finance committee after it formally added to the new revenue bill a 5 per cent "victory" levy on all earnings above \$824 yearly.

Taking cognizance of a recent statement by Secretary Morgenthau that the treasury could not rely beyond the end of this year on voluntary financing, the committee wrote into the measure a provision setting up a 11-member committee to study compulsory savings and report to congress by January 11.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), who sponsored this amendment, told reporters voluntary bond purchase was "wholly inadequate" to provide the future billions needed to supply the nation's war machine.

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Auto's Wreck Kills R. Ogle; 2 Women Hurt

INDEPENDENCE, Sept. 9.—Richard Frank Ogle, 62, was instantly killed and two women were critically injured when an Oregon Electric freight train on a private crossing four miles east of town at 6:30 Wednesday morning.

The injured women, Vernie Ogle, the dead man's wife, and Mrs. Lewis Hubbard Williams, were taken to Salem General hospital by Dr. George C. Knott.

The three, the only passengers in the car, were on their way to pick hops at the Hugh Nelson yard, known also as the Winn yard. The private road into the yard crosses the railroad track close to the entrance.

Mrs. Ogle was said to be in a critical condition and may have a fractured skull. Mrs. Williams has a fractured skull and was unconscious when taken to the hospital.

Mrs. Williams' husband, Larry Williams, is in the US military service and is believed now stationed in California.

Ogle's body was brought to Independence and is at the Smith-Baum mortuary.

The accident happened on the Marion county side of the Willamette river and T. A. Golden, deputy county coroner for Marion county, visited the scene of the accident a short time after it happened.

Full Week Required

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—(AP) A new rule requiring longshoremen to work at least 40 hours a week has been put into effect to secure additional manpower for handling shipping, the Pacific coast maritime industry board announced Wednesday.

Double Sunday Pay Out

7th Consecutive Day Unaffected By FDR Order

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP) President Roosevelt signed an executive order Wednesday eliminating payment of double-time rates for work on Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, as such.

The order permits double time for a seventh consecutive day of work, but not for any particular day of the week as such. The days of the week lose their identity for wage-determining purposes.

The action, the White House said, is in line with pledges given the president several months ago by AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray.

"Many unions," said the announcement, "have already modified their contracts to put this pledge into effect, and in order to make the practice universal the order has been issued."

The CIO United Auto Workers, at its Chicago convention last month, served notice it would not be bound by its promise to waive double time rates unless all other unions complied within 90 days.

In a recent national labor relations board case, the United Auto Workers complained that a rival AFL union had campaigned against it with an argument that the UAW had needlessly waived double time rates against the best interests of the workers.

The White House announcement said the double time for the seventh day of work was to encourage, in the interest of efficiency, one day of rest in seven. The order permits payment for work over 40 hours a week at the rate of time and a half, as provided in the wage-hour act.

Thackers Buy Kuhn Dwelling

Sale of the 895 North Cottage street dwelling of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Kuhn to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thacker for an unrevealed sum marks the transfer of one of Salem's larger residence properties.

Built by them 12 years ago, the house is to be vacated by the Kuhns sometime this fall after they have secured another place to live, they said Wednesday in discussing the sale of the property and some of the furnishings.

The Thackers, now living at the Thacker and Williams hop ranch on route two, expect to make the Cottage street house their home. After the war the Kuhns plan to build on Winter street property, they said.

Odgers Talks About India

When the All-India congress party meets it conducts its business in English although the object of the meetings is to separate India from England, Dr. George Allen Odgers told Salem Rotarians Wednesday.

Dr. Odgers has taught for many years in India and is now dean of Multnomah college, Portland. He spoke of the many religions which go to make up the population of India and the conflicts which result from these groups.

He ventured the opinion that if India falls to the Japanese it will lengthen the war but said he was not a prophet.

US Buying Milk

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Frank E. Rice, executive secretary of the Evaporated Milk association, said Wednesday the federal department of agriculture has accumulated more than 25,000,000 cases of evaporated milk.

Yank Offense Rolling Again

Airmen Bomb Gizo in Solomons to North of Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP) American air forces, turning once more to the offensive in the Solomon Islands, bombed and strafed Japanese shore installations on Gizo Island, 215 miles northwest of the US base on Guadalcanal, the navy reported Wednesday night.

The operation was carried out last Sunday without any resistance from the enemy and apparently marked the start of a whole new phase of offensive activity in the conquest of the Solomons. Ever since the Solomons invasion started August 7, it has been expected that consolidation of American positions in the southeastern section of the islands would be followed by attacks on Jap positions to the northwest.

The navy communique disclosing the aerial assault on Gizo said that the process of mopping up enemy units in Guadalcanal was continuing.

Another disclosure of the communique was that on September 5 a navy patrol plane shot down a large Japanese four-engine flying boat northwest of the Solomons. No details of this engagement were given, but the loss of the flying boat brought to at least 123 the number of planes which the Japs have had destroyed in Solomons fighting to date.

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Lease Proposal Presented For Chrome Mining

Proposal to lease three 40-acre tracts to tidal beach sands in southwest Oregon for chrome ore extraction operations at a return to the state school irrevocable school fund of 7 1/2 per cent of gross sales was presented to the state land board Wednesday on behalf of the Oregon Chrome company. The board took the proposal under consideration.

Should the lease be granted and the operation prove out as anticipated, the return to the school fund would be substantial, board members indicated.

Two corporations are working on chrome operations on Coos county beach sands above tide level. The state's royalty rights extend only from the high tide level westward into the sea.

Drink Is Fatal, Mt. Angel Lad

MOUNT ANGEL, Sept. 9.—(AP) Eight-year-old John Meissner went exploring in an old cannery building here Wednesday.

He found a bottle, drank part of its contents, and died a few hours later in a Silverton hospital.

The bottle contained a weed killer.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meissner.