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Saturday maximum temperature 55, minimum 27.
River 5.8 feet.
Increasing cloudiness west portion Sunday followed by rain late Sunday and Monday.

New Bombings Close Week of Blitz

Toulon Bombed Via Italy

Florence Struck For First Time; Padua Blasted

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 11-(AP)- American Liberators reached out from Italy today to batter the great Nazi naval base of Toulon on France's southern coast for the second time this week while Marauder medium bombers smashed at the railway facilities of ancient Florence for the first time in the war.

At the same time Flying Fortresses also blasted Padua, important railway center in northeastern Italy, 50 miles from Venice.

Padua, like Toulon's submarine pens, which were attacked as recently as last Tuesday, had been raided frequently, but until today allied airmen had spared historic Florence, even though pounding enemy communications lines on all sides of the city.

The heavy bombers plastered submarines and submarine pens at Toulon and covered factories and port installations with a pattern of heavy bombs.

Twin-tailed Lightning fighters escorted the big bombers and provided a strong cover which met but little enemy fighter opposition. Flak was moderate over the target, in contrast to the raid earlier this week when anti-aircraft fire was strong and accurate.

Early reports indicated that the Germans lost heavily in attempting to deflect the attack on Padua, over which there developed one of the biggest aerial battles yet encountered by airmen from this theatre.

Thunderbolt fighters escorted the Padua raiders, and they had to fight their way through clouds of German fighters before they (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

Stilwell Sees Valley Capture

By PRESTON GROVER

NEW DELHI, March 11-(AP)-Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, bubbling with enthusiasm, declared today "the entire Hukawng valley will soon be ours" as columns of tanks manned by Chinese and American soldiers cut a wide swath through Japanese ranks in that northern Burma sector, killing 500 to 700 of the enemy.

"The fight for Manikwan and Wallawbrum is won and only isolated mopping up operations remain," Stilwell said in a statement relayed here. "I believe we have killed 2000 Japanese in this operation alone, which should be good news in any language except Japanese."

"I wish to stress the fact that Chinese and Americans fought and died side by side. They fraternized, shared their food, their comforts and their hardships."

"Militarily, elements of two Chinese divisions, a unit of tanks operated by Chinese and commanded by an American, and American combat troops worked smoothly together in the happy job of exterminating the common enemy."

"Although I have often been wrong, I am willing to hazard a guess that the entire Hukawng valley will soon be ours."

Uprisings Reported In Northern Italy

BERN, Switzerland, March 11-(AP)- Street fights in Bologna, a series of partisan attacks in Florence and the threat of a new strike in Milan marked the outbreak of another wave of violence in northern Italy.

The Swiss telegraph agency said today fascist militia were killed or wounded in Bologna and bombs thrown in several sections.

Fascist troops were said to have started a search of the city, killing any persons found with firearms.

Workers at Milan, resentful of a fine of 2,000,000 lire (\$20,000) imposed for previous strikes, were declared ready to strike again.

Returning Marine Gets Help



A battle-blackened marine hops over the rail onto the deck of an assault transport aided by two coast guardsmen after two days of intensive fighting on Eniwetok atoll in the Marshalls. His face is black from burrowing in coral dirt to keep covered from enemy snipers. (AP Wirephoto from coast guard)

Yank Naval Craft, Planes Hit Japs Stinging Blows

By ROBERT EUNSON

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, March 12-(AP)- Allied ground troops on newly-won positions around the rim of the Bismarck sea had a breathing spell, headquarters reported today, while American light naval craft and planes hit the Japanese with stinging new blows.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said four troop-laden barges, either bringing in reinforcements, or evacuating Japanese from positions near Talasea airdrome on the north New Britain coast, were sunk the night of March 8-9 by PT boats. Japanese barges carry approximately 40 to 50 combat troops.

One Japanese barge sunk off Talasea went down under the guns of an American tank being moved in on a landing craft.

A spokesman for Gen. MacArthur said the airstrip at Camp Gloucester, on the western tip of New Britain, had been in use by the allies for some time. The marines captured the site in December.

Fighter planes from Cape Gloucester can easily span the distance to Talasea, slightly more than 100 miles away.

Newly-captured Talasea, seized by the US Marines Wednesday after a three-day battle, is only 170 miles from Rabaul. The airstrip can easily be put into operation by American Seabees.

There was no ground action reported near Talasea, nor from the Admiralty Islands in the Bismarck sea where American cavalrymen have been cleaning up Japanese on strategic Los Negros Island.

Along the coast of New Guinea, PT boats shelled the big Japanese base at Madang. An enemy coastal vessel was sunk off Gasmata, on (Turn to Page 2-Story E)

OPA to Check Salem Stores

Salem war price and rationing board, like others throughout the state, will launch a price checkup this week to make sure that merchants understand and are complying with price ceilings, it was indicated here Saturday.

"It has been estimated that the cost of food would be reduced about two per cent if every store complied with established price ceilings," Richard G. Montgomery, district OPA director, said in Portland as he declared that "price violations, intentional and otherwise, have forced food prices up."

Paid clerks will check approximately 10 common food items, and merchants found out of line will be given an opportunity to explain to their local price control committees. Only willful or repeated violations will be referred to the district OPA enforcement division; others will be handled locally, Montgomery explained.

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GREENWICH, Conn., March 11-(AP)- Hendrik Willem Van Loon died of a heart attack at his home in old Greenwich today while engaged in writing a new book, "A Report to St. Peter," an autobiography covering his life up to and including his 21st birthday.

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New Red Dnieper Crossing

Bridgehead Forced Near Red Sea Mouth

By TOM YARBROUGH

LONDON, Sunday, March 12 (AP)- Red army troops forced a spectacular new bridgehead across the wide Dnieper river in the last 60-mile stretch held by the Germans near the Black sea yesterday and captured the district center of Berislav, only 37 miles above the big sea port of Kherson, Moscow announced today.

Berislav is a highway hub for at least four major roads branching out into the Ukraine.

"Units of X formation forced the Dnieper during the night (Friday-Saturday) and after a vigorous attack captured Berislav, district center of the Nikolaev region," the midnight Moscow communique announced.

Other Russian forces at the northwestern end of the flaming 500-mile Ukraine front were reported still fighting in the streets of Tarnopol at the end of the third day of battle for the strategic rail town.

The Moscow communique and its supplement—both recorded by the soviet monitor—gave few details of the Russian crossing but for the first time spoke of fighting "southwest and south of Apostolov."

The Russians apparently crossed from Kakhovka which they reached early last November after racing in swift strides across the Nogaik steppes. By yesterday's short cut they won an advance of about 20 miles eastward from their last reported position on the west bank of the Dnieper in this area.

The troops on the east bank in this region had previously been part of the fourth Ukrainian front under Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin, and announcement of the crossing may indicate that the fourth Ukrainian front forces have either begun or are preparing to join the three other Russian army groups already pounding the sagging German salient in the southern Ukraine.

These three captured 280 localities yesterday and killed about 3800 Germans in continued gains along the winding front. In one area, the late bulletin said, red army guardsmen, "following their (Turn to Page 2-Story D)

Peter Seeks Pact With Tito

By WES GALLAGHER

LONDON, March 11-(AP)- Youthful King Peter of Yugoslavia, absorbed in romance as well as politics, launched an effort today to save his throne against heavy odds by seeking an agreement with his country's leading guerrilla leader, Marshal Tito. (Josip Broz.)

He faced a difficult task. Peter, coming from Cairo, had scarcely stepped off a plane at a London airport before a dispatch from Moscow disclosed that his minister to Russia, Stanjof Simic, had resigned and placed himself at the disposal of Tito. Similar action by Lt. Col. Meodrag Lozic, military attache at the Moscow embassy, also was announced.

Peter presumably came with his premier, Dr. Bozidar Puric, to seek British help in working out a compromise with Tito, who has established his own government in the liberated sectors of Yugoslavia.

However, the young ruler cast aside these cares of state to rush to his fiancée, Princess Alexandra of Greece, and a short time later both were strolling in the lobby of a London hotel in the best of spirits.

Arthur Roy Sidebottom Writes From Jap Prison

BROOKS - Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sidebottom have had a card from their son, Pfc. Arthur Roy Sidebottom, through the Geneva Red Cross, that he is in excellent health, interned at the Philippine military imperial Japanese prison camp No. 1.

US Merchant Ship Sale Refused Ireland Because Of Sinkings by Axis Subs

WASHINGTON, March 11-(AP)- The state department announced tonight that it had refused sale of a merchant ship to Ireland because axis submarines had wantonly sunk other American ships operating under the Irish flag despite Ireland's policy of neutrality towards the axis.

Although the refusal was made more than a month before the United States asked Ireland to abandon neutrality, the fact that it was announced tonight on the heels of disclosure that Prime Minister de Valera had rejected the abandonment request strongly indicated that a firmer American policy on economic cooperation with Ireland is in operation.

The fact that Ireland had asked to purchase the SS Wolverine, an 8000-ton vessel, in this country and the government's reason for declining to approve the sale, were set forth in a note delivered to Prime Minister de Valera in Dublin on January 6 by David Gray, American minister to Dublin.

Simultaneously, the department released the text of a message from President Roosevelt to De Valera on February 28, 1942, assuring the prime minister that the arrival of American troops in Britain during the first weeks of war did not constitute a threat to Irish security. The president declared this government had not "the slightest thought or intention of invading Irish territory."

None-the-less, Mr. Roosevelt took occasion to tell De Valera bluntly that when the time comes for the peace tables he thought that Ireland "in its own best interest should not stand alone but should be associated with its traditional friends, and, among them, the United States of America."

The Irish legation issued, simultaneously with the state department release, a statement by the Minister Robert Brennan on the proposed ship deal in which Brennan contended there was no convincing evidence that axis submarines actually had been responsible for the loss of the two American ships operating under Irish charter on which the state department based its case for disapproving the sale of the Wolverine.

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RAF Out By Night, US by Day

Forts Meet No Enemy Fighters, Suffer No Loss

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

LONDON, Sunday, March 12 (AP)- RAF planes closed out an historic week of heavy aerial attacks last night with a trip across the channel under a "bomber's moon" following a big daylight smash by US heavy bombers at military targets in Muenster, Germany and the Pas-de-Calais area of France.

There was no immediate indication what targets the British planes were after or whether the operation was by heavy night bombers or Mosquitos. They were heard in one southeast English coastal district flying towards the continent some time after nightfall and later they roared back across the channel.

The "bomber's moon" under which they flew was like that which the RAF used earlier in the week to accomplish night precision bombing. Axis-controlled radio stations gave the first indication that British planes were out to wind up perhaps the most significant week of the air war.

The Paris radio failed to come on with its regular 10 p.m. news bulletin and the Luxembourg transmitter announced that it was "closing down because of the approach of enemy aircraft." The Frankfurt radio then broadcast a warning that airplanes were reported in the air area.

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Ramirez Tells Why He Quit Argentine Post

By ROMAN JIMENEZ

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Mar. 11-(AP)- Gen. Pedro Pablo Ramirez - telling for the first time his own story of why he stepped down as president of Argentina - declared in his formal resignation that a majority of high nationalistic Argentine army officers forced him to delegate his powers to Gen. Edelmiro J. Farrell, it was learned tonight.

A copy of Ramirez' resignation was brought to Montevideo by travelers from Buenos Aires tonight. In it Ramirez said the opposition of the officers was provoked by a false rumor that he was about to declare war on the axis two weeks ago.

Ramirez said the opposition against him started when the officers thought Argentina's rupture of relations with the axis was not provoked by the discovery of an espionage ring in the country but on account of "fear of pressure and purported measures of the government of the United States."

Ramirez declared that his withdrawal from the political scene on February 25 was not induced by his being too tired to exercise government powers, as stated by the Farrell regime in its official announcements.

In his resignation he further stated that the army officers refused to believe him when he explained to them in "two mass meetings" that they were mistaken in their belief that he was about to declare war on Germany and Japan, establish martial law and order a general mobilization.

"The die was cast; intrigue was more powerful than reason," Ramirez said.

Morgenthau, Too, Gets Help On Tax Form

WASHINGTON, March 11-(AP)- Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, like Scientist Albert Einstein and a host of other people, had help in preparing his income tax return.

But, an associate said today, the treasury head always has had his personal bookkeeper attend to his annual returns; this year's additional complexity about which Einstein moaned had nothing to do with the matter.

President Roosevelt was disclosed yesterday to be tackling his return by himself, making day-by-day progress.

Senator Danaher (R-Conn) of the tax-writing senate finance committee made this comment on Einstein's observation at Princeton, N.J., that the income tax question is too difficult for a mathematician:

"I just completed mine by hand, but I'm not going to run anybody who gets help."

Suspects Held For Shooting Of Don Zander

Suspects in the shooting last August 11 of Don Zander, 24-year-old logging truck operator, near the Mary & Doc's tavern on North Front street have been picked up in Arizona according to information received by Salem police from Kingman, Arizona, authorities.

Held are Bill Evans, 60, and Vernon Lee Margerum, 13, originally detained when Evans was accused of child-stealing, the elder charged with having induced young Margerum to travel with him from his Sacramento home. Connecting the pair with the Salem shooting is story told by the Margerum boy who stated that he and his companion were involved in a fight here with another man and that Evans shot his antagonist with a .38 revolver and with him from his Sacramento home. Connecting the pair with the Salem shooting is story told by the Margerum boy who stated that he and his companion were involved in a fight here with another man and that Evans shot his antagonist with a .38 revolver and with him from his Sacramento home.

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