

Red Armies Drawing Near Sevastopol

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19th century "charge of the light brigade," with the capture of the road junction of Varnutka. Balaklava is the southern anchor of Sevastopol's defense ring.

Russian troops, making an overall 25-mile gain during the day, cracked the 2200-foot mountain position on the southern coast known as the Baldy eagle in the advance to Varnutka. The village of Baldy in a valley of the same name was occupied en route, the bulletin said.

On the southern coast the westernmost point taken during the day was the health resort of Foros, 21 miles beyond Yalta, which was seized the day before. Nine villages were captured by both armies, Moscow said.

Moscow dispatches said the Russian people expected the fall of Sevastopol shortly, but soviet communists said the Germans had heavily mined the roads leading into the city, blown up bridges and built numerous road blocks in the mountains.

A midnight communique said the Germans retreating toward Balaklava and Sevastopol from the southern mountains were abandoning great quantities of military equipment, and one soviet unit during the day took 87 trucks laden with axis supplies as well as 39 artillery pieces, 108 machine guns and 23 mortars.

Soviet airmen were strafing the enemy's columns and destroyed ten more German planes in combat and further raids on the Cape Khersones airdrome west of Sevastopol, the communique said.

Planes of the soviet Black sea fleet also were declared to be still attacking the enemy's evacuation ships. Yesterday morning they sank a 3000-ton transport and a barge and damaged other ships in an axis convoy which was en route to Sevastopol.

A Moscow dispatch early today said the German plight could not be compared to Dunkerque because the nazis have been unable to evacuate any large number of troops by ship. Some have escaped, but thousands still are stranded on the docks which are being shelled heavily by Russian artillery and bombed by soviet planes, it said.

(Several boatloads of German troops have landed on the north Turkish coast after a 160-mile trip from the Crimea, according to an Istanbul dispatch broadcast by BBC and recorded by CBS.) A junction of Yeremkeno's southern coastal wing with Tolbukhin's men east of Sevastopol was expected hourly, a Moscow dispatch said, and then their combined weight will be hurled against the last axis defenses. The two armies already had met in the eastern interior.

Miller Keeps Campaign Hot For Gen. Mac.

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the United States as many republican leaders were heading for Chicago to arrange the party's national convention which will select a nominee. Most republicans in congress—those who had no part of the letter-writing incident—offered no comment on the general's statement.

Miller said he has received several hundred letters since he made public the correspondence with MacArthur. He said most of them were favorable to his idea—but a few anonymous writers got "very nasty."

Spring Snow Hits Kansas

KANSAS CITY, April 17 (AP)—A late spring snowstorm swept into western Kansas tonight, dumping up to six inches of snow on the grazing land and bringing concern to livestockmen for safety of their herds.

The storm spread over much of the state and at Kansas City gave a rare demonstration of lightning, rain, thunder and snow simultaneously. Nebraska reported snowfalls from 10 to 19 inches in the west.

The forecast called for freezing weather tonight and not much rise tomorrow. Stockmen said the shortage of protein feed through the winter had left much stock in a weakened condition, and the wet, clinging snow falling on the unprotected sheep and cattle might result in losses. They were especially concerned for sheep that already had been shorn of their natural wool protective coat.

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Last Times Tonight
ROONEY CARLAND
Plus Joe E. Brown
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New, Deadlier B-25 Rolling From Plants

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turret, two more in the center fuselage section, and another two in the tail turret.

The Kansas model carries two machine guns in the nose, one fixed and one flexible; four fixed guns in the forward fuselage section; two in the upper turret, two in the center fuselage section, and two in the tail turret, a total of 12.50 caliber machine guns.

The two warplanes were designed for different combat tactics, company spokesmen said.

Stimson Tells Army Position On Drafting

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The secretary added that one basic fact must be considered in connection with the continued emphasis on the need for men under 28.

"During the remainder of this year the army will need a probable minimum of 750,000 men to maintain its strength. (Now over 7,000,000 men.) This leads us to one compelling conclusion.

"In solving our manpower problem, the first demand is that we obtain for physical contact with the enemy enough of the kind of men we need to do the job.

"Final victory makes this demand upon us, final victory depends on satisfying this demand above all others."

Senator Sings Dewey Praises

PHILADELPHIA, April 17 (AP)—Sen. Brewster (R-Me.), said tonight that "the finger of destiny" points at Thomas E. Dewey, whom he described as "the hope of responsible republican administration."

Brewster told approximately 900 Union league members that the New York governor's racket-busting experience would help him clean the "Augean Stables in Washington" after an "unbossed campaign."

The meeting was attended by a number of republican leaders, including Joseph N. Pew, Jr., and Sen. Davis (R-Pa.). Brewster credited Dewey with bringing "order out of the chaos of New Deal maladministration in New York" and urged that he be "afforded a larger forum."

"Perhaps the same intelligence and integrity that slew the rackets of New York City," he declared, "may now be useful in Washington."

Pedee Man Goes to Army Wednesday

PEDEE — Charley Ronco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ronco, will report for army duty April 26.

Jake Welman is home from the hospital, but will not be able to work for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Tedrow and son, David, of Tidewater, made a trip to Fritz-Kerber after a disc last Wednesday.

Stays With Brother While Selling Home

SILVERTON — Mrs. Frankie Dunagan is staying at the home of her brother, Grover Van Arman on South Madison street, since the death of her brother, Ward Van Arman this past week. Mrs. Dunagan is not well and plans to sell her home on Mill street. She is expecting her son, Vernon, home on a brief furlough to assist in straightening up affairs connected with the sale of the property.

Argentina Stamps Out Nazi, Jap Espionage

BUENOS AIRES, April 17 (AP)—The Argentine government announced tonight that almost all German and Japanese espionage in Argentina had now been stamped out and that federal police were diligently seeking to eliminate any cases of spy activity which might still exist.

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Council Elects James Byers

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transfer of license to a would-be new owner of the Robinhood on South Commercial street. The council cast no dissenting votes. Members later explained that they had thus forced the issue before the new owner had to meet problems existing there. Either the beer parlor-restaurant will change its ways or it may lose its license, they said, and in any case the new owner, if and when there is a new owner, would understand that the current operating methods could not be continued.

Without argument or discussion, the petition of the Englewood dog owners for removal from the ordinance books of the regulation requiring that dogs be kept tied was denied as the council unanimously supported its committee's investigation.

Physicians who have patients at Salem General hospital believe the Southern Pacific's stop sign at Center and 12th streets unnecessary in the face of the fact that a swinging automatic signal is located at that crossing, they declared in a petition asking removal of that sign placed before the council Monday night. It was referred to the streets committee.

The petition of the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce for a series of parking reforms was turned over to the traffic committee and that of the Oregon Gravel company, for vacation of Water street between Gaines and Norway went to the street committee.

By ordinance the council authorized the Pilgrim Holiness church to construct a temporary frame building on the west side of 12th street between Oxford and Rural streets, with the understanding that when materials become available at the close of the war it will either be razed or improved to meet building requirements.

A contract to provide fire protection for the Bonneville substation on the highway to Rickreall beyond West Salem was accepted in resolution form. It provides that the standard charges for out-of-city fire service shall be paid the Salem department, namely \$50 for the first hour or part thereof and \$25 for each succeeding hour or part thereof, with the added provision that a minimum fee of \$25 will be paid if the fire truck is called from Salem to find that its services are not needed.

Application for similar protection from the Columbia Metals corporation for the alumina-from-clay plant, now in construction north of Salem, was received and referred to the fire committee.

When an application from the "Yeater-for-mayor" committee for authority to hang a cloth banner across the street near its Oregon building headquarters drew from Alderman L. F. LeGarde a suggestion that it be "referred to the mayor," I. M. Doughton, candidate to succeed himself as mayor, merely turned a little pink, grinned and announced good-naturedly that it would go to the committee on signs.

Hoover Says US Masses OK

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said tonight that "too often, militant self-seeking, loudly vocal groups of muddled emotionalists, parlor pinks, fellow travelers and avowed communists are mistaken for the masses."

"Constitutionally, we are a land where the will of the majority should prevail; actually, the will of the minority is too often over-evaluated," he told the 53rd continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution. President Roosevelt, in a message to the convention, told the DAR the nation was relying heavily upon women "at this critical stage of the war."

"In war plants, on farms, in civilian jobs, and in the services, they still are urgently wanted to replace men now in uniform," the president said.

EVERYONE KNOWS THOSE GRAND SHOWS
GRAND
— CONT. FROM 1 P. M. —

Now Showing!
YANK FLYERS
DEFY THE ENTIRE
JAP EMPIRE!

DARRELL F. ZANUCK'S
THE PURPLE HEART
A DRAMA OF THE
BOMBING OF TOKYO!

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GAY CO-HIT!
"NAT CHECK HONEY"
GRACE McDONALD

Stilwell, Chinese Aide Confer



Leaders Compare Notes—This signal corps photo shows Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, who is commanding the United States forces in the China-Burma-India theatre of war (right), conferring with Gen. Liao Yao-hsiang, the commanding officer of the 22nd division of the Chinese army. The conference between the two generals was held somewhere on the critical Burma front. (International Sound-photo)

Allies Deal Heavy Blows To Japanese

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south of Bishanpur. It said the counterattack had been "stemmed," but said a battle still was raging. A similar axis broadcast reported heavy fighting west of Kohima, an area that has not been mentioned in allied communiques. It said a British artillery unit there had begun a "general retreat" toward the northwest—toward Dimapur.

A delayed dispatch from Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters in northern Burma reported that Chinese forces fighting down the Mogaung valley were barely a mile from Warazui, which is only 25 miles airline north of Kamaing.

In the Fort Hertz valley 50 miles to the east, British and Gurkha troops were reported to have outflanked the main Japanese position at Tianguap.

Oregon Senators Return to Capitol

WASHINGTON, DC, April 17 (AP)—Sens. Rufus Holman and Guy Cordon, Oregon republicans, returned to the capitol today, after spending the Easter holiday at home.

Cordon said he will appear before the senate agriculture committee this week to urge that funds for forest fire protection be increased from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000.

He also said army engineers had advised him they had authorized reexamination of proposed improvements of Alsea Bay, Ore., to provide a harbor for fishing boats. Formal hearings on the project will be held later in Oregon, he said.

Victory Gardeners May Release Certain Foods

PORTLAND, April 17 (AP)—High production by victory gardeners may bring release of some processed food items from rationing next fall, an OPA official said today.

Charles W. Isaacs, jr., Washington, DC, director of the agency's field division for rationing, said, however, that industry would have to process at least 16 per cent more food.

Manpower Shortage Effects Pickpockets

PORTLAND, April 17 (AP)—The manpower shortage apparently has spread to the "pickpocket industry," police said today. Two elderly men told officers their purses were missing after a strange woman helped them across the street.

GREATNESS NO HUMAN WORDS
CAN DESCRIBE... BUT WHICH
EVERY HUMAN HEART CAN
FEEL... AND SHARE!

FRANZ WERFEL'S
The Song of Bernadette
JENNIFER JONES • WILLIAM EYTHE • CHARLES BICKFORD • VINCENT PRICE
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Winner of 5 ACADEMY AWARDS
Limited Engagement -
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1:10 - 2:35 - 4:45 - 9:25
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STARTS THURSDAY GRAND

Petn, New High Explosive More Powerful by Third Than TNT

By FRANK CAREY

Associated Press Science Writer
WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—A newly-developed powerful high explosive that is "better than a third more explosive than TNT" is now being used effectively in many types of American aircraft bombs and in ammunition for certain artillery pieces, the army ordnance department disclosed today.

It is "Petn"—a short-cut name for the chemical term pentaerythritol-tetranitrate. It is a white, crystalline material.

The explosive was first developed experimentally during the last war, but proved to be too sensitive and too unstable for extensive use.

But ordnance officers said today a technique has been worked out for combining Petn with TNT—which is a more stable explosive—to make a product more powerful than TNT alone, but far more stable and safer to handle than Petn alone.

They said the combination is being used "in all general purpose aircraft bombs and in ammunition for such armament as the 105 millimeter howitzer, the so-called 'work-horse of the army.'" The explosive, they said, has proved "effective."

They asserted that the explosive does not lend itself to use in armor-piercing shells which are designed to make deep penetration into an objective before they explode.

First indication petn was being used in this war came in a bulletin of the United States public health service, reporting that the ordnance department had requested the physiological properties of the explosive two years ago, from the standpoint of protecting

Britain Makes Drastic New Security Move

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measure as this one designed to insure that no inkling of the details of the coming invasion may reach the enemy.

While the British government's action was not seen as accusing any of the allies or neutrals of wilfully divulging secrets, it was designed to keep innocent-looking information from giving the Germans a tip which would endanger the safety of tens of thousands of British and American soldiers.

Both the United States and Russia were consulted beforehand. In the past there has been virtually no regulation on diplomatic pouches, even during the first World war.

THE LITTLE HOUSE WITH THE BIG MIND
STATE
— Opens 6:45 P. M. —

Last Times Today!
Lena Horne
Bill Robinson
"STORMY WEATHER"
"I WALKED WITH A ZOMBIE"
Frances Dee

Tomorrow
The greatest flight in history!
RUSSELL MCMURRAY
Flight for FREEDOM
HERBERT MARSHALL
Co-Hit
LEOPARD MAN
DONNE O'KEEFE
JEAN BOODS

THE HOUSE THAT RISES RULY
LIBERTY
— Opens 6:45 P. M. —

ENDS TODAY!
John Garfield
"Dangerously They Live"
Dick Foran
"Empty Holsters"

TOMORROW!
THIS IS OUR ENEMY...
in all his horror!
BEHIND THE RISING SUN
MARGO TOM NEAL
Co-Hit
RIDIN' DOWN THE CANYON
ROY ROGERS

the health of workers engaged in its manufacture.

Substance of the health service's report on these studies was this:

While in sufficiently large doses petn may cause changes of the respiration, circulation and spinal pressure, it can be safely handled with proper precautions.

"The customary methods of good housekeeping and of personal hygiene should be sufficient to prevent injurious effects in workers handling this material," was the conclusion of Dr. D. D. Donahue, physiologist and Dr. A. R. Monaco, two of six investigators who studied the problem.

The service's bulletin stated that tests of the effect of petn on the skin showed no irritating action.

GOP Meeting Draws Crowd

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Odom, Delbert Long and Louis A. Burgess; sheriff—A. E. LaBranch, Claude C. Ashby, Denver Young and L. L. Pittenger who dispatched a letter to be read at the meeting; legislators—Ora F. McIntyre, W. W. McKinney, Lewis Judson, C. F. French, Walter Lampkin, W. H. Paulus, Paul Hendricks, Frank W. Settlemeier, W. W. Chadwick and H. E. Jones; delegates to the national convention—Walter Winslow; delegates at large—Mrs. John Y. Richardson, Portland, and Herman Lafky; national committeemen—Ralph Cake, Portland.

C. A. Lewis, chairman of the Marion county republican central committee, expressed his appreciation to the group for cooperation rendered on occasion of the luncheon for Governor John Bricker last week.

US Planes Hit Balkan Yards

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ration was a Fortress attack on Rogarski and Ikarus aircraft component plants near Belgrade, units in the far-flung Messerschmitt production system.

Both Fortresses and Liberators were escorted by Lightnings. (Britain-based American heavy bombers resumed the air assault on western Europe after a lay-off since Thursday, with about 250 of them hammering German anti-invasion targets in the Pas-de-Calais area. The Liberators encountered no German fighters and none was lost.)

Priem Gets Flying Cross

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Mrs. Arthur Priem, 170 South 25th street, Salem, is a veteran of many of the Eighth air force's outstanding bombing missions in recent months, including three attacks on Berlin. He spent the greater part of his 21st birthday battling with the Luftwaffe high in the skies over the German capital while attacking targets there.

Sgt. Priem had a close brush with death on his second trip to Berlin, when his ship was badly battered in a heated engagement with German fighters along the route to the target. His ship landed on only two engines, with 15 20mm cannon holes in the fuselage and some of the main controls shot away.

Priem reports the best precision bombing he has seen was that on the Erkner ball-bearing plant at Berlin. "The bombs hit dead center, tearing the plant to shreds," he reported.

Before entering service, Sgt. Priem was a student at Willamette university.

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- Last Times Today -
"The Desert Song"
in Technicolor
Dennis Morgan with Irene Morgan with Manning
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A Brand New Hit!
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with George Sanders, Philip Dorn, Brenda Marshall
CAPITOL
- Starts Wednesday -
THE YEAR'S LAUGH HIT!
IRENE DUNNE
CARY GRANT
MY FAVORITE WIFE
RKO RADIO PICTURE
RANDOLPH SCOTT
GAIL PATRICK
Co-Feature
CALIFORNIA JOE
WALLY VERON
ACTION!

WARNERS
EL SINORE
PHONE 5798
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Deanna Durbin, Franchot Tone, Pat O'Brien
in "HIS BUTLER'S SISTER" plus
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"I COULD CRUSH YOU
BETWEEN MY HANDS... BUT
YOUR BROKEN HEART WOULD STILL
MOCK ME... YOUR TORTURED EYES WOULD
STILL HAUNT ME!"
ORSON
WELLES
as "EDWARD ROCHESTER"
JOAN
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as "JANE"
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