

PENINSULA CUT

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

ON A STREAMLINER ENROUTE TO CHICAGO — It's a mistake to use nautical terms with reference to the streamliner. It is no boat, even though it "smiles" every six days. For here we are at the edge of the flooded Elkhorn river in Nebraska, and quite as helpless as a freight train. The streamliner will not ford the stream. An amphibious jeep would be better here. We were due in Chicago an hour and a quarter ago, and we are still west of Omaha—about 25 miles by railroad and an indefinite number of minutes as we wait for orders to proceed. They report that Pres. Jefferson of the Union Pacific is on the spot, and if he applies his synthetic rubber drive we should be on the move very soon.

Most of the waiting was done at Grand Island, which for 48 hours was a jumble of trains which had piled in from the west. On the east Omaha was similarly jammed. Our "City of Portland" pulled out of Grand Island ahead of the "City of Denver," which keeps Portland in the lead, at any rate.

Floods at this season in the mid-west are not uncommon. The "June rise" when accompanied by heavy rains lifts these mud catfish streams to overflow levels and the bordering low lands, generally very fertile lands, are flooded and trains delayed. A few weeks ago the Des Moines river and then the Mississippi put on a show, and now the Nebraska rivers and the Missouri are putting on their act. Eight or 10 years ago Nebraska was baked and roasted causing a succession of crop failures. Nature now appears to be balancing accounts—with its not infrequent prodigality.

The dining car is about out of food and the ice must be about gone from the air conditioning outfit, but the discomfort is little to complain about, even though it cannot be attributed to the war, the common soapstock (continued on Editorial page)

Soviets Smash To 25 Miles From Viipuri

LONDON, Sunday, June 18—(AP) The Russians smashed within 25 miles of Viipuri from two directions yesterday, capturing Perkjarvi on the main railway of the Karelian isthmus and Kuolemajarvi on the coastal rail line, Moscow announced last night, and the port of Viipuri itself was understood to be in the process of evacuation.

These two important railway towns on the most direct routes to Finland's second largest city were enveloped as Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's troops occupied more than 120 populated places in another day of fierce fighting, Moscow's broadcast communique disclosed.

Both Perkjarvi and Kuolemajarvi are just under 25 miles from Viipuri, which Finnish dispatches reaching Stockholm said had been ordered emptied of civilians.

Another wave of the red army, sweeping up the eastern side of the isthmus despite the natural obstacles of lakes and marshes, captured Raasilu on still another railroad, Moscow said, indicating that the width of the Finnish front had been widened to more than 65 miles.

While the center of the Russian drive up the isthmus reached within 25 miles of Viipuri, advance patrols and reconnaissance units probed even closer. The thunder of soviet big guns could be plainly heard in the Finnish port.

Child Not Hurt In Long Fall

Judith Fortmiller, two-year-old daughter of Dr. E. V. Fortmiller, fell from a second-story window of the family home at 534 North 23rd street yesterday afternoon, but the youngster sustained no injury beyond bruises, as far as could be ascertained from an examination at the Deaconess hospital.

The baby was returned to her home after the hospital treatment and was resting easily at an early hour this morning.

While no one witnessed the actual fall, the youngster was believed to have unhooked a screen and leaned too far out the window.

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Frer Invade Nazi Elba

Germans Resist Strongly; Allies Roll On in Italy

ROME, June 17—(AP)—French troops landed today on Elba, five miles west of the Italian mainland, and by nightfall had won control of one-fifth of that Napoleonic exile island against German resistance which allied headquarters described as strong at some places.

Nearby Pianosa was secured quickly without opposition, but the German garrison and coastal artillery were making a scrap for Elba's 85 square miles.

Conquest of Elba would keep the allied sea flank abreast of the advance on the mainland, where allied troops today rolled steadily forward toward the Germans' Pisa-Florence-Rimini line.

Known as "detachment B," the French attacking Elba were commanded by Gen. Jean De Lattre De Tassigny and transported and supported by American, British and French naval units. Allied air forces that included French squadrons, bombed the island.

The Berlin radio said the landings were made both at the south and north ends of the island, one of them just west of its major city of Porto Ferrajo. A German communique told of heavy fighting "still going on" against a "weak German garrison" defending the island.

A dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Joseph Edynan with the French forces in Golfo De Campo said that "powerful French assault units battered a toehold" on the island "despite determined German resistance in their first taste of amphibious operations." Dynan's dispatch was (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Gen. De Gaulle Informs FDR Of Trip Plan

WASHINGTON, June 17—(AP) General Charles De Gaulle, acting as "chief of the provisional government" of France which the United States does not recognize, has advised President Roosevelt that he hopes to be able to come here either late this month or early in July.

His response through diplomatic channels left the way open for a decision not to come since it was based on the expressed provision that "circumstances" will permit the trip.

If he does come, it is generally agreed among White House advisers that he will be accorded the full honors and courtesies due a visiting dignitary. It is expected that he will be quartered at Blair House, the state department's official lodging for foreign government officials.

Dr. Goodsell to Speak At WU Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate ceremonies for the 37 members of the Willamette university class of 1944 will be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist church with Dr. Guy Goodsell, district superintendent of the Portland Methodist district, as the speaker.

Ushering in the final week of the graduation activities, the baccalaureate will be opened by the academic procession. Seniors have been instructed to meet at 2:15 p. m. for final arrangements.

The mixed chorus will present special music under direction of Dean Melvin H. Geist. At the piano will be Ralph Dobbs, while Maurice Brennen will be at the organ.

After examinations next week, graduating seniors will celebrate the annual breakfast at 9 a. m. Saturday, June 24. Principal speaker will be Dr. R. Ivan Lovell of the faculty. The senior recep-

Germans' 'Secret Weapon' in Flight



One of the pilotless German planes as caught in a network of tracer bullets, searchlights and flak while flying over southern England. (AP Wirephoto)

US Invasion Dead 3283 for 11 Days

By DON WHITEHEAD
WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE, June 17—(AP) American army casualties totaled 3283 dead and 12,000 wounded up to midnight last night in the first 11 days of the invasion of France and the beachhead has become "absolutely secure," the Germans have "lost their last chance to drive us back into the sea," Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley announced today.

Obviously in good spirits, the tall, weather-beaten Missourian who commands the American forces in France, appeared for the first time before a group of beachhead correspondents and gave them a report which confirmed his pre-invasion confidence that the campaign would be carried out without the bloodbath predicted by the enemy.

Bradley said casualties on the central beachhead, where the first division and elements of the 29th had landed, were higher than was anticipated, but that on the other hand, casualties on the peninsula beachhead were lower.

(The American casualties in action to date were expected to exceed (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Token Junction Formed in China

CHINESE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Salween Front, June 16—(Delayed)—Guerrillas of the Chinese Expeditionary Force slashing westward from the Salween river have effected a token junction with the forces of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell in North Burma, capturing Lauksauan and Htwagaw, on the Hiplan-Myitkyina trail, just 60 miles northeast of Myitkyina, it was disclosed today.

A Chinese communique said the situation around Lungling, second most important Yunnan base which fell recently to their offensive, had been stabilized and improved.

Nine Playgrounds Open Tomorrow

Salem city playgrounds, this year numbering seven neighborhood recreational areas and two play parks with pool facilities, will open Monday morning at 9 o'clock, Director Gurnee Fleisher announced Saturday. The playgrounds are again under the joint sponsorship of the public school system and the city council and will be located at Englewood, Grant, Highland, Richmond, Bush, McKinley and Washington grade schools in addition to Olinger and Leslie fields. Further information concerning locations, personnel and activities can be found on the sports pages.

Weather

Maximum temperature Saturday 72 degrees; minimum 51; precipitation .10; river -21 ft.

Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday. Scattered light showers and thunderstorms. Warmer east position Sunday.

Robot Planes Prove to Be Special Rocket

By WES GALLAGHER
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sunday, June 18—(AP) More of the Germans' winged bombs, the so-called robot planes, came hurtling across the channel into southern England during the night as the nazis' "counter-invasion attack" moved into its fourth consecutive day.

The pilotless, jet-propelled planes were disclosed yesterday to be an astoundingly simple weapon—a death-dealing overgrown rocket equipped with wings and loaded with a ton of explosives.

In the newest attacks they came over the coast low and singly every few minutes. Several of them flew through some of the heaviest anti-aircraft fire of the war as Britain shifted its ack-ack defenses to counter the devilish plane-bombs.

Damage was caused in various localities and a number of persons were killed or injured. One of the flying bombs was reported to have wiped out four houses.

(German radio commentators let their imagination run free in describing reports of the consternation caused in England by the robots.

(One Berlin broadcast credited a Stockholm dispatch as saying the British government had ordered the evacuation of London because air raid shelters failed to offer adequate protection. Another said "England is trembling and London is ablaze" and still another reported that on Friday afternoon tremendous fires along the southern British coast had been observed from Rouen, France. Rouen is approximately 100 miles from the English coast.)

These robot projectiles, fired off tracks in the Pas-De-Calais area 20 miles across the channel from England, are not radio-controlled and have not had the slightest effect on the flow of supplies to the allied front in Normandy.

A compass in the nose keeps the weapon on a rough course but it may fall miles from where it is aimed.

Dewey to Get Oregon Votes

PORTLAND, June 17—(AP)—Oregon's delegation to the republican national convention, which will leave for Chicago Wednesday, will give full support to Thomas E. Dewey, Chairman Henry E. Collier said today.

Saipan Yankees Advance

Navy Warships Bombard Guam In Marianas

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 17—(AP)—Batting determined Japanese resistance, United States marines and army troops have expanded the beachhead on southern Saipan to a maximum depth of two miles along a five and one half mile front, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced tonight in a communique.

In frenzied fighting through Thursday night and Friday assault forces made gains averaging 1500 yards and captured the village of Himashisu, more than half way across the island from the beachhead.

These developments were reported shortly after it was disclosed that American warships had bombarded Guam for the first time since that former US outpost in the Marianas was captured by the Japanese in December, 1941.

Before dawn Friday, Jap defenders of Saipan, numbering an estimated two divisions (30,000 men), launched a determined counterattack.

The enemy thrust, supported by tanks, was hurled back.

Twenty-five Jap tanks were destroyed and the enemy cost in lives was heavy.

The communique said the arc now controlled by the American forces on the southwest side of Saipan extends from a point outside the key town of Garapan five and one half miles southward to Agaña.

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Nazis Claim Another Allied Army Ready

LONDON, June 17—(AP)—A German broadcast tonight estimated that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has 50 to 60 divisions of 500,000 to 900,000 men waiting for the "second phase of the invasion which in all probability will be an attack on the French-Belgian coastal area" northeast of the Normandy front.

The Berlin radio in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said this force includes four airborne divisions, and forms a second invasion army. Berlin said it is stationed between the southeastern coast of England and London, and in the area between London and the mouth of the Humber river.

Eisenhower probably would try to capture the area "between Ostende and Dunkerque whence he intends to launch a drive northward," the broadcast concluded.

War Bond Sales Total Well Over Half Million

Statehouse employees stole the bond drive spotlight from outlying communities Saturday by reporting sales of \$81,501, bringing the reported total for the Fifth War Loan campaign well above the half million mark which had been set as the Saturday goal. Douglas Yeater, county chairman, reported that actual computations were \$509,000 but that complete reports of weekend sales were expected to boost that figure materially.

Roy Mills, secretary to the board of control, reported that only 28 of the state's 85 departments had made reports and that final sales are expected to go well above the first week's total. Leading the procession at the state buildings were the budget division, board of control, real estate commission, library school for the blind and the postwar readjustment commission.

Announcement of a Miss Marion County contest in connection with the bond drive also brought renewed interest. Selection of a talented and beautiful young lady to represent this county in a statewide competition for selection of a new Miss Oregon will be made a part of the bond rallies over the county, Chairman Yeater declared.

Yankee Troops Close Doors To Cherbourg

NEW YORK, June 18—(AP)—CBS Correspondent Larry Lesueur reported from France tonight that American troops had reached the western side of the Cherbourg peninsula, cutting off the port of Cherbourg.

"After 12 days of furious fighting American troops have forced the 26-mile neck of the Cherbourg peninsula and reached the western side," said Lesueur's broadcast recorded in London and relayed to the United States.

"Tonight elements of the ninth division of the United States army reached the sea on the western side of the peninsula," said the correspondent.

"They reached it at two places, north and south of the small Norman town of Barneville and they are fighting now on the grassy dunes on both sides of the surrounded village.

"This attack to the sea caught the Germans off guard. The Germans always thought we were heading straight north to take Cherbourg by frontal assault immediately. Instead, the fact that the ninth division has cut the neck of the Cherbourg peninsula means tens of thousands of German troops are bottled up between us and Cherbourg."

By JAMES M. LONG
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sunday, June 18—(AP)—The US Ninth division, which shattered the Germans at Biscerie in Tunisia, teamed up yesterday with the 52nd airborne division in a powerful breakthrough of German lines which put the Americans on high ground only four miles from the west coast and virtually cut in two the Cherbourg peninsula.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, ground commander who led the Americans to their triumph of Biscerie in May, 1943, was directing the swift breakthrough which had rolled within a mile of St. Lo-D'Orville on the west coast and last possible German escape route out of Cherbourg.

Some front dispatches said the Germans were fleeing southward to escape the American trap but General Bradley earlier had predicted a last-ditch stand in Cherbourg, whose harbor is vital to the allies in order to hasten supplies and reinforcements. German broadcasts last night, however, began minimizing Cherbourg's importance, which could mean nazi resignation to its eventual isolation and capture. Civilian refugees said the Germans already were forcing civilians to evacuate the city.

American troops were fighting fierce hand-to-hand battles in the streets of Montebourg, 14 miles southeast of Cherbourg.

Whitehead's dispatch disclosed the presence of the Ninth division in action for the first time in Normandy. The Ninth was the division which took Port Lyautey in the French Morocco landing in November, 1942, fought at El Guettar in southern Tunisia, and participated in the final encirclement of scores of thousands of Germans and Italians on Cap Bon.

North of St. Sauveur, Whitehead said, the 1st Infantry Division broke across the Douve river. They rode on tanks and fired machine guns as the armored units plunged through shallow waters in the historic drive to seal off Cherbourg.

American airmen were strafing the German lines of retreat out of the area.

One front line correspondent said an American column rolled through St. Jacques de Nehou, four miles northwest of St. Sauveur and seven miles from the west coast, in a swift exploitation of German disorganization.

The two American divisions had heavy support from artillerymen. Whitehead said their fire already had effectively cut the west coast road.

Cheese to Be Point Free for Two Weeks

WASHINGTON, June 17—(AP) The office of price administration today announced that all rationed cheese except American cheddar cheese, cheddar products and other cheese in gross use on the ration card will be point-free for the two weeks beginning 12:01 a. m., Sunday, June 18.

Oregon Bond Sales Top 13 Million Mark

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17—(AP) Oregon state sales in the Fifth War Loan drive reached \$13,111,504 today for 10.5 per cent of quota, officials reported. Multnomah county has subscribed \$7,362,858 of the total.

New Chief



Vice Adm. John Henry Newton (above), 62, became allied commander in chief in the South Pacific, succeeding Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr. He had been Halsey's deputy commander. Halsey is being assigned to a new role in the Pacific. (AP Wirephoto from navy.)

Ray Ebner's Condition Reported as 'Fair'

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17—(AP) The condition of Ray Ebner, 28, who was gored by a bull on his farm west of Mount Angel last night, was described by St. Vincent's hospital attendants as "fair" tonight following an operation. He was brought here tonight from the Silverton hospital.