

Turkey Breaks Diplomatic Relations With Germany

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

In spite of its reputation for gentleness the lamb has propensities for causing trouble. Mary's lamb followed her to school one day—"which was against the rule." Now the lambs persist in coming to market, and that seems to violate a rule of OPA; or at least the lambs want to come far greater numbers than women will trade ration points for.

In fact about all that lambs are good for now in Oregon is to help put people to sleep. But the butcher who counts the unsold lambs in his locker can't go to sleep for thinking of his losses. And the grower who can't find a buyer, who sees his pasture drying up or his lambs held over in the stockyards—by the time he counts "21, 22, 23" or "115, 116, 117," why, he's wide awake wondering what he can do for feed or how he can get out of his lamb deal whole. So much protest is going in to Washington over the rationing of lamb that it is doubtful if the Washington office of OPA gets any sleep—not if the lambs it counts are Oregon lambs.

What has happened is that by requiring points for lamb, just when butter is upped four points, the market for lamb is killed. So much lamb meat went unsold in the Portland markets that thousands of pounds went to the rendering works to be made into dogfood. Dogs must eat, but horsemeat will do them. They do not require leg of lamb garnished with curry sauce. At this season (Continued on Editorial Page)

FDR May Enter Philadelphia Strike Trouble

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2 (AP)—An attempt to restore subway service here flickered out tonight and confronted President Roosevelt with the problem of solving the transportation paralysis that has caused curtailment of war production and racial outbreaks here.

Some subway crews who had been participating in the work stoppage resumed their jobs without advance public notice and operated trains for two hours, then as suddenly went home.

A spokesman for the Philadelphia Transportation company, operators of all of the city's subways, street cars and buses, said that subway crewmen who had returned to work "just walked out on us again."

The two-day tie-up, back where it started, has precipitated clashes between whites and negroes, inconvenienced 1,500,000 daily riders and curtailed war production. The return of the situation to complete paralysis came shortly after the war labor board had appealed to President Roosevelt to halt the work stoppage.

Senator Cordon Will Visit Salem Aug. 21

Sen. Guy Cordon (R-Ore.) probably will be in Salem on Monday, August 21, and tentative arrangements are underway for a luncheon in his honor, it is announced by Clay Cochran, chamber of commerce secretary.

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Wishes To Avoid Warfare

ANKARA, Turkey, Aug. 2 (11:00 P.M.)—(AP)—Turkey broke her diplomatic and economic relations with Germany today at the request of Great Britain, backed by American diplomacy, but she clung to the hope of avoiding actual warfare.

(The Nazi reaction to the break was quickly apparent in a Berlin dispatch from the official German news agency DNB which said the action initiated a policy the "consequences of which, if Turkey should continue along this dangerous road, are not very difficult to see. War with Germany will of necessity follow.")

(The decision taken today can only be called a new step along a very dangerous phase of Turkish policy, Berlin said.)

Prime Minister Sukru Saracoglu announced the government's decision with his request for grand national assembly approval. Most deputies, like the prime minister, had been up almost all night at a caucus of the people's republican party—where the matter finally was thrashed out.

Quick assembly ratification was expected for the solid body blow to German prestige—particularly in the neighboring Balkans where the nazis are struggling hard to keep their grip on their satellites.

Anti-aircraft guns moved through the streets of Ankara today—directly past the assembly house—and throughout the nation Turkey was girding herself for war.

Silverton Kin Are Notified of Three Deaths

SILVERTON, Aug. 2—Word of the death of three servicemen and the serious wounding of another reached Silverton relatives Wednesday.

Churchill Says Allied Victory May Come Soon in European Theater

LONDON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declared in a comprehensive review of the war today that "I fear greatly of raising false hopes, but I no longer feel bound to deny that victory may come perhaps soon."

lin Admits 'Accident' in 'Hurt'

LONDON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Berlin admitted tonight that Field Marshal Gen. Erwin Rommel, second in command of German armies of the west, had met with "an accident" while driving in France during an air attack and was suffering from brain concussion, but said his condition was "satisfactory" and "his life is not endangered."

This followed persistent reports from allied sources that Adolf Hitler's favorite either was critically injured or had died as the result of a strafing attack on the Caen area July 17.

The admission by DNB, German news agency, came shortly after Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler, one of Germany's rulers in her present crisis, demanded that "each officer and man who can be spared at home be sent to the front" and that those remaining at home as over age or unfit "take up work in the arms factories."

Yank Invaders Seize Second Guam Airfield

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 2 (AP)—Killing seven Japanese for every Yank slain, American conquerors of the south half of Guam have seized a second airfield—seventh won in the Marianas—in a mile gain made against stiffening resistance.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported in a communique tonight that Tinian airfield, believed to be a fighter strip, was overrun yesterday by marines and soldiers who in 13 days of invasion action have killed 7,419 Japanese at a cost of 1022 Americans.

Nimitz said that Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commander of fleet marine forces in the Pacific, has congratulated Maj. A. D. Bruce of the army for the excellence of 77th division troops in the Guam operation.

This recalled that newspapers in the United States recently reported another army general had been replaced at conquered Saipan because of a disagreement with the marine general.

On Tinian, conquered in nine days, 208 marines died in the lightning drive which cut down thousands of Nipponese. Nimitz said tonight that 2,047 enemy dead have been buried on Tinian and "large numbers of the enemy have yet to be buried."

Champ Clark Blames CIO for His Defeat

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 2 (AP)—Sen. Bennett Champ Clark, conceding defeat for Democratic renomination at yesterday's primary, said in a prepared statement today it "represents a notable temporary triumph for the Communist-controlled C.I.O. in its efforts to take control of the Democratic party."

Marion Bond Quota Topped

Marion county bond buyers topped their E bond quota by a figure not yet fully tallied, War Finance Committee Douglas Yeater has been informed.

Silverton Man Feared Dead

MURC ARMY AIR BASE, Calif., Aug. 2 (AP)—Army authorities, abandoning hope of finding any of them alive, today released the names of 17 fliers board two heavy bombers that collided and crashed yesterday in the rugged Panamint mountains overlooking Death Valley.

Robbery Nets Two \$12,000

GRAND RONDE, Aug. 2—Two men, armed with pistols, held up the Bank of Grand Ronde shortly before the 3 p.m. closing time today and escaped with an estimated \$12,000.

J. C. Barry, cashier and the only person in the bank at the time, said one of the men poked a pistol through the wicket, demanded money, and ordered him to "get your hands down—don't be funny," when he slowly raised his arms.

Barry said they then forced him to open an inner vault, scooped up all the money in sight except some loose silver, tied his hands behind him, ordered him not to call out for 30 minutes, and raced for the door. He did not know whether they had a car.

The men heeded Barry's request not to be locked in the vault to face possible suffocation. Barry rushed out a side door as soon as the men left and called for help. He was untied with difficulty. State police were notified immediately.

The cashier described the men as between 35 and 40 years old, one with red hair and the other dark. Both were clean-shaven. The money taken was in bills of 20, 10, 5 and 1 dollar denominations.

Florence Still 5 Miles Away For 8th Army

ROME, Aug. 2 (AP)—New Zealand and veterans of the North African campaign have bludgeoned their way to within less than five miles of Florence from the southwest, capturing a commanding ridge from which they looked down today upon the spires and towers of the ancient city.

A field dispatch from Associated Press correspondent Lynn Heinrich, reporting the dogged advance of the New Zealanders on a five-mile front, made it plain, however, that the eighth army still faced much hard fighting before it could force the Germans to retire into their "Gothic line" defense north of Florence.

"The Germans still are defending their positions furiously," he said. "The New Zealanders, who are nearest the city, are pushing forward against infantry backed up by huge Tiger tanks."

Poles Battle Warsaw Nazis

LONDON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Poles were declared by Polish military headquarters to be waging open warfare against German troops on the streets of Warsaw today as British and American support was thrown behind an effort to form a Polish coalition government satisfactory to the Soviet union.

The Warsaw underground, under command of Gen. Bor, revolted at 5 p. m. yesterday, it was announced. Military headquarters said that the fight raged in the western part of the city, where government buildings and shopping centers were concentrated.

Navy Bomber Crashes

SEATTLE, Aug. 2 (AP)—A navy medium bomber crashed and sank in Lake Washington near the Sand Point naval air station today, and the 13th naval district headquarters said the pilot was presumed lost. His name was not released.

Yankees Sweep Across Brittany

Prussia 8 Miles For Reds

Warsaw Siege Grows Tighter; Nazis Isolated

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 3 (AP)—The third White Russian army thrust within eight miles of East Prussia's pre-1939 border yesterday in the foremost of twin drives aimed at the heart of the junkers homeland.

Other Soviet armies on the long thundering front tightened their violent siege of Warsaw, pushed a quadruple annihilation drive against possibly 300,000 Germans isolated in Estonia and Latvia, and launched a new offensive in the south towards Krakow, Poland's second city.

The closest approach to East Prussia came with the capture of Dydzizhe in a steady advance westward. The fall of this town, which is eight miles southeast of the junction town of Schwirindt on the frontier, was confirmed by the Soviet radio monitor's reception of the Moscow midnight communique.

Yankee Bomb Kills McNair

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—The explosion of a bomb dropped short of its target by an American plane killed Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, former commander of army ground forces.

"A full investigation," the war department announced today, "developed the fact that Gen. McNair died as a result of the explosion of one of our own bombs which fell short in the intensive aerial bombardment of enemy lines just preparatory to the present large scale American break-through in Normandy."

The general's death was announced last week by the department, but it was attributed then to enemy fire. The more recent information, reported by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, also disclosed for the first time the date of his death—July 25.

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New Filipino President



President Sergio Osmena (seated), new president of the Philippines, signs his oath of office as his first duty in the new post in the office of Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes at Washington. Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson of the supreme court, who administered the oath, and Miss Maria Osmena, the new president's daughter, look on. Osmena, former vice president, rose to the presidency following death of Quezon. (AP Wirephoto)

Germans Start Taking Troops From Finland

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 2 (AP)—Evacuation of German troops from Finland to Estonia was reported tonight and reliable sources said that Finland's new president, Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim, had received advance assurance from Russia that the Kremlin would consider an application for an armistice which would guarantee tiny Finland's independence.

(A Reuters dispatch received in London tonight from Stockholm said it was reliably reported that the change in presidents in Finland was preceded by a Finnish-German agreement in Berlin consenting to a separate Finnish peace with Russia and a Nazi promise to evacuate German troops at least from southern Finland.)

An authoritative report said the Germans were evacuating an infantry division sent to the Karelian front last June as their part of Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop's bargain to keep Finland in the war with Russia.

This division plus a panzer brigade were all that Finland got in the way of military assistance, according to competent military circles here, and of these only the panzer brigade actually was sent to the active southern front.

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German Defenses Crumble

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Thursday, Aug. 3 (AP)—An American tidal wave pouring across Brittany today threatened to lop off the entire Breton peninsula as Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's armor raced toward Rennes, communications hub almost halfway across. All along the British-American front out-flanked German defenses were crumbling in withdrawals ranging from retreat to near rout.

Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's British smashed through the Nazi's sagging center in a mid-peninsula drive, thrusting a seven-mile salient eastward from the old Norman capital of Vire for a total gain of 17 miles south from Caumont, springboard of their four-day-old offensive.

A late dispatch from British headquarters at the front described this as the beginning of "the great retreat," and spoke flatly of a breakthrough—a word much avoided since the offensive across the Orne bogged down.

Thousands of Germans were penned in traps behind the British and American lines. About 22,000 prisoners have been taken on the entire front, more than 20,000 by the Americans in their ten-day drive.

British troops were fighting in the streets of Vire and to the east, three miles north of their spearhead on the Vire-Vassy road, they captured Estry. Farther north, five miles below Villers-Bocage, key to the Nazi defense perimeter in the Caumont sector, the town of Aunay was threatened with encirclement. Two miles below it the British stormed Ondefontaine and fierce fighting raged there.

Utility Grade Beef Will Be Ration Free

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Citizens will be permitted to buy utility grade beef steaks and roasts, the lowest grade normally sold in that form, free of ration coupons beginning August 13 under an order issued by the War food administration today.

Officials said that the quantity of steaks and roasts so freed from the ration list would be about 15 per cent of the expected supply.

Other grades of steaks and roasts will continue to be rationed for the time being. If cattle marketing increases this month as WFA officials expect, the next higher grade of steaks and roasts—commercial—may be taken off the ration list by the end of the month. Officials said about 25 per cent of the steaks and roasts are of the commercial grade.

Ambassador to Travel

OTTAWA, Aug. 2 (AP)—Ray Atherton, United States ambassador to Canada, and Mrs. Atherton will leave here Aug. 6 on a month's tour of western Canada and part of Alaska, it was announced today.

Thumbnail Of War!

By the Associated Press
Invasion Front—Galloping Yanks halfway across broad base of Brest peninsula in bold bid to capture ports of St. Nazaire and Brest in Brittany. British troops extend to 17 miles their push through German center.

Diplomatic Front—Turkey breaks diplomatic and economic relations with axis.
Russian—Reds thrust within eight miles of pre-war border of East Prussia, mass Baltic fleet to cut off water escape of Nazis trapped in Latvia and Estonia, launch new offensive towards Krakow, Poland's second city.

Pacific—Americans capture another airbase on Guam, mop up on Tinian, consolidate in western Dutch New Guinea.
Italy—New Zealanders fight to within five miles of Florence.

Weather
Maximum temperature Wednesday 79 degrees; minimum 51; no rainfall; river -3.8 ft. Clear Thursday and Friday, except cloudy on coast and scattered afternoon thunderstorms near southern border Thursday; warmer except near ocean.