

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Sale of the Wasco Warehouse Milling company of The Dalles, one of the few substantial independent milling enterprises left in the state, to the milling subsidiary of a national biscuit company is expected to mean the expansion of the plant and its business at The Dalles. The location is an excellent one for flour manufacturing.

Not only is grain produced in large quantities on the hills back of The Dalles in Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties, but warehouse and terminal facilities and shipping possibilities add to the city's desirability for flour manufacturing. It will be easy for a mill there to obtain wheat for blending purposes on milling-in-transit rates; and with a national organization to use or distribute the flour there is every reason to expect that the promise of future growth will be realized.

At the same time one cannot but regret the passing of another firmly established independent enterprise. Once flour milling was all done in local, independent mills. Water power with stone burrs were used in the pioneer mills which came with the earliest settlements. Water power (though now usually as hydro-electric power) still drives the mills, but steel rolls have replaced the stone burrs. The ownership is more and more centralized. One by one the independent mills have passed into chain ownership, or gone out of flour milling, though here.

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Yank Bombers Hit Nip Cruiser, Sink 5 Ships

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Saturday, Aug. 26—(P)—Mitchell bombers, attacking at mast-height, probably sank a Japanese light cruiser and destroyed five medium freighters near Manado, northern Celebes, headquarters reported today.

The attack was made Thursday by the medium bombers during their ceaseless hunt for Japanese shipping withdrawing from the Philippines-Halmahera line.

When last seen the cruiser had exploded in the stern, was blazing from end to end and had a 20-degree list. The communiqué said the warship was believed to be sinking.

A headquarters spokesman said the freighter-transport averaged between 2000 and 3000 tons. Two other vessels of this class were damaged. An estimated 40 luggers and barges were riddled with machinegun bullets.

Nazis Depart From Belfort

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 26—(P)—A Swiss report reaching London today said the Germans were withdrawing from the French city of Belfort, near Switzerland's northern border and only 30 miles from the Rhine river, and were taking up positions along the Siegfried line.

The report came from a Swiss paper's correspondent in Belfort. The Swiss radio, without giving details, said the suburbs of Belfort have been liberated.

The Belfort dispatch said the Germans were moving toward Mulhouse, 24 miles northeast of Belfort and only 10 miles from the Rhine.

If the report is true, the Germans are moving out of a fortified area which commands the Belfort gap leading into the Rhine valley. Maquis forces have been reported strong in this area.

New Storm Breaks About Nelson's Head as J. A. Krug Takes Over WPB Chairmanship

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—(P)—An angry new storm broke about Donald M. Nelson's head tonight shortly after the war production board chairman left for China with his agency still seething from the row which led to Charles E. Wilson's resignation as vice chairman.

Rubber Director Bradley M. Dewey accused the WPB head of "typical Washington sniping" in comment on the rubber program. It was, Dewey declared, the same sort of "sniping" that led to Wilson's resignation "and many good Americans unwilling to give services that otherwise would be of value to the country in the conduct of the war."

Refers to Statement
Dewey referred to Nelson's testimony to the senate war investigation committee, given last week but made public only yesterday.

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Weather

Maximum temperature Friday 74 degrees; minimum 52; trace of rain; river -4 ft. Partly cloudy Saturday; Sunday cloudy west of Cascade. With light rain northwest portion beginning in afternoon; partly cloudy Sunday east of Cascade; little change in temperature.

French Capital Liberated

Paris Radio Says Nazi Commander Calls It Quits

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 25—(P)—The Paris radio announced late tonight that the French capital had been liberated and that the German commander had signed a document ordering his troops to cease fire immediately.

The announcement followed entry of American and French troops into the capital during the day. There was no immediate confirmation here.

Fighting Bitter
The latest word at headquarters was that American and French troops had joined fighting French patriots on the Ile de la Cite in the

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 26—(P)—A Berlin broadcast Saturday morning said heavy fighting still was in progress in Paris, especially "at the Place de L'Etoile and around the Arc de Triomphe."

heart of the capital after bitter fighting with Germans and French collaborationist militiamen.

Gen. Charles De Gaulle, president of the French committee of national liberation, said in a speech broadcast from Paris:

"France will take her place among the great nations which will organize the peace. We will not rest until we march, as we must, into enemy territory as conquerors."

Proclamation Issued
The commander of the Paris region for the French forces of the interior, Colonel Rousel, issued this proclamation to his forces, the radio said:

"FFI of the Ile de France (the Paris region), you have unleashed an uprising which has liberated Paris. You have improvised your tactics, animated by the strong desire to win, and you have won."

Nazis Fleeing From France In Confusion

NANCY, France, Aug. 22—(Delayed)—(P)—The flight of Nazi soldiers from the fighting fronts in France has created confusion, disorganization and panic far greater than that of the French in 1940.

Many Germans have escaped from a trap in the south, but their condition is hardly that of the old-time Nazi. Hundreds escaped by changing into civilian clothing and reached northern France exhausted.

Camps are established for these soldier refugees whose first duty is to present themselves for questioning by intelligence officers.

Transport services in northern France are disintegrating rapidly. Railwaymen are striking everywhere when they get a chance.

Underofficials who tried to flee Vichy had a tragic time. Some cars broke down, some ran out of gasoline. The officials set out afoot, but the Maquis captured many, and others who reached Nancy and Dijon sought German assistance. Some got help, others were laughed at.

ey's recent announcement that the rubber program was completed and he would resign Sept. 1.

"It was completed, all but getting the tires," Nelson commented. (Ample synthetic rubber now is being produced, officials say, but the army has complained that heavy tire production is lagging behind needs.)

Job Not Complete
"Then you don't agree that the job was completed?" asked Committee Counsel Rudolph Bailey.

"No sir. It is like the army saying they are completed except for the shooting," Nelson said.

The new outbreak came with Nelson's future role in war production clouded and J. A. Krug, appointed by President Roosevelt to run WPB in his absence, taking over with a strong hand.

Stars New Deal
Following a meeting late in the day with the various WPB vice

Allies Squeeze Seine Pocket, Enter Paris



Arrows indicate main allied drives in western France. Allied troops took Honfleur and closed in on the Seine pocket from all sides, while other units penetrated to the center of Paris. Allied headquarters has been silent concerning the drives beyond Dens and Montargis to the south. (AP wirephoto)

Romania Declares War On Germany After Raid

LONDON, Aug. 25—(P)—Romania declared war on Germany today after Nazi bombers raided Bucharest, the capital, and radio reports said German ground troops within Bucharest had been swiftly overwhelmed by King Mihai's regiments.

The declaration of war against Germany by her former satellite was announced in a proclamation by King Mihai's new government which was broadcast from Bucharest.

It said the Romanians had gained complete control of the capital from the Germans, whose whole Balkan edifice was fast collapsing. (A Romanian high command communiqué broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission said: "We have taken more than 4000 prisoners and captured large quantities of war material. The liquidation of a few islands of resistance around Bucharest continues.")

The Bucharest radio said the Germans tried to capture the Baneasa airport near Bucharest, but were thrown back by the Royal Romanian Guards regiments and that roads from there to the capital were littered with German guns and vehicles.

The new government, which is trying to swing the country effectively to the side of the allies, again called upon Romanians to "rise and fight the Germans."

Churchill Has Meeting With Pope Pius XII

VATICAN CITY, Aug. 25—(P)—Pope Pius XII received Prime Minister Winston Churchill for a 45-minute private audience Wednesday in which the two leaders discussed "essential questions" referring to a "sincere desire of a just and lasting peace," it was announced today.

Churchill left Rome the same day. Announcement of his audience and departure apparently were delayed until he reached his destination.

The Vatican announcement of the visit said, "Many essential questions were touched upon relating to important problems of the present hour." Affable cordiality marked the conversation, the announcement said.

Monsignor Pucci's Vatican news service said that the questions under discussion probably did not concern ways to solve territorial, economic and material problems, but rather referred to the spiritual criteria of justice and equity.

Japs Launch New Offense From Luichow

CHUNGKING, Aug. 25—(P)—The Japanese have launched a new drive northward from the neck of the Luichow peninsula in south China opposite Hainan island, and heavy fighting is in progress with both sides suffering considerable losses, the Chinese command announced tonight.

There was no immediate indication whether the new drive was merely another mopping up operation or the beginning of a more ambitious move—a thrust on the Kwangsi province city of Luichow 200 miles to the northeast, a junction of the Hunan-Kwangsi and Kwangsi-Kweichow railways.

Capture of Luichow would threaten several important air bases and neutralize Kwelin, provincial capital of Kwangsi, as the key center in the defenses of south China.

Returning from an inspection tour of London's bombed districts, Health Minister Henry U. Willink cautioned evacuees against drifting home.

"We have to expect that these dangers will continue for some time—cornered beasts are vicious," he said. "Parents must not let the glorious victories of the Allied armies blind them to risks to which children who are kept in London and other evacuation areas are still exposed."

Desperate Nazis Try To Swim Across Seine
NEW YORK, Aug. 26—(P)—Allied forces advancing along the coast of northwestern France are now six miles beyond Honfleur at the mouth of the Seine estuary, and many Germans are trying to swim the stream, the London radio said today in a broadcast heard by CBS.

Federal Fund Boosted In Independence
Word was received from Congressman James W. Mott Friday that the federal works agency had approved an increase of \$11,218 for child care facilities at Milwaukee and \$2455 for servicemen's recreational facilities at Independence.

Allied Armies in France Driving Rapidly East

Yanks Push To Within 20 Miles of Italy

Germans Flee Thru Galati Gap

Red Armies Race Ahead at Mile An Hour Speed

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 26—(P)—Two Russian armies racing toward the heart of Romania at a better than a-mile-an-hour clip yesterday reached the Galati gap defenses at Teucui and also drove a spearhead down to the Danube river delta at Kiliya in a six-day whirlwind offensive which Moscow announced cost the enemy nearly 205,000 killed and captured.

In perhaps the greatest defeat yet inflicted on the axis in a comparable period of Russians also announced they had encircled 12 German divisions of upwards of 60,000 men southwest of fallen Chisinau, provincial capital of Bessarabia. Thirteen thousand of the Germans already have surrendered in two days, and the remainder are being annihilated, said the Moscow broadcast bulletin.

Thousands of Romanians were abandoning the struggle against the Russians and turning to fight the Germans, dispatches said, as the Second and Third Ukraine armies under Generals Rodion Y. Malinovsky and Fedor I. Tolbukhin linked up for a quick drive on Bucharest, within 112 miles of the city, and seized Teucui on the Barlad river.

A total of 550 towns and villages were swept up by the two armies, and the capture of Teucui found the Russians within 92 miles northeast of the bomb-wrecked Ploesti oil wells. (Additional details on Page 2.)

British Reveal New Crocodile Fire Thrower

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—(P)—The British tonight took secrecy wraps off the fire-breathing 41-ton "Crocodile" tank-mounted flame thrower capable of hurling its lethal blaze 450 feet ahead and even around corners.

The potent British weapon was introduced to the Germans at the Normandy beaches. Since then it has been used with what the British information services reported as "deadly effect" in burning a path for British and Canadian forces through Hitler's strong-points in France.

The British supply council and army staff in the announcement of the new weapon called it the most powerful flame thrower in the world.

Designed to burn out strong-points of the Atlantic wall and save infantry lives, the "Crocodile" uses a special new type of fuel. Its flames can be ricocheted off a nearby surface, in the manner of a billiard shot, to burn out pillboxes and trenches hundreds of feet away.

Hitler Calls Meeting
LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 26—(P)—The Cairo radio said today Hitler, shaken by Romania's capitulation, had called a conference of military and political leaders at Berchtesgaden.

Gen. Von Kluge Reported Dead

STOCKHOLM, Saturday, Aug. 26—(P)—Field Marshal Gen. Guenther Von Kluge has been killed, the newspaper Dagens Nyheter said today on the basis of information received from Germany.

Circumstances of his reported death were not known here and the newspaper had no additional details. (There was no immediate confirmation of this report in either axis or allied official quarters.)

Von Kluge, 61 years old, had held command of the German armies on the western front since July 6, when he succeeded Field Marshal Gen. Karl Rudolf Von Rundstedt.

Nazi Prisoners Total 250,000 in France

NEW YORK, Saturday, Aug. 26—(P)—The London radio said today in a broadcast heard by CBS that "it is unofficially stated that so far 250,000 German soldiers, among them 11 generals, have been made prisoners of war in France."

The broadcast said that up to last night "30,000 German prisoners of war were counted in southern France."

Hull, Dulles Reach Agreement "On Numerous Aspects" of Talk

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—(P)—Secretary Hull and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's foreign affairs adviser, John Foster Dulles, announced agreement today "on numerous aspects" of the proposed world peace agency, but Dulles pointedly reserved republican rights to discuss the subject in the forthcoming campaign.

Completing a series of three talks, Hull and Dulles issued an extraordinary election-year pronouncement saying they both felt the subject is a non-partisan one. In stipulating that the agreement does not "preclude full public non-partisan discussion of the means of attaining a lasting peace," Dulles explained that he

US Tanks Roll Into Troyes S.E. of Paris

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Saturday, Aug. 26—(P)—American tanks in a 23-mile advance yesterday rolled into Troyes, 85 miles southeast of Paris and 163 miles from the German border at the Rhine, while far behind them Allied armies were stamping out the last sparks of German resistance south of the Seine.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's armor, now racing toward soil known to American who fought the first world war, was cutting

Other swift allied columns drove methodically toward the heart of France and a junction with Gen. Eisenhower's victorious forces in the north. Tonight's headquarters communiqué said forces probing into the delta of the great Rhone valley were close to Arles and Tarascon, river towns only a few miles apart.

(A German high command communiqué indicated that a general enemy retreat was in progress up the Rhone valley toward Lyon, which had been reported in the hands of French patriot forces.)

Bitter fighting still raged in the naval base of Toulon, where French troops drew their ring of steel tight about a stubbornly resisting Nazi garrison. A heavy allied attack had been launched to wipe out the last four pockets of Germans in Marseille. Two German generals and 5000 prisoners had been captured in the Marseille area in the past 72 hours.

At Troyes the doughboys stand 130 miles south of the German border at the Saar, 163 miles west of it where the Rhine winds northward near Strasbourg, and 136 miles west of Belfort Gap, which the Germans are expected to defend strongly because it leads into the industrial Rhineland.

At Troyes they also are 37 miles south of the Marne, scene of many a bloody battle in the first war, and 80 miles west of Chaumont, Gen. John J. Pershing's headquarters in that war.

Bordeaux Has Been Liberated Declares FFI

IRUN, Spain, Aug. 25—(P)—Information reaching this border town today from the FFI said Bordeaux, France's fourth largest city, had been liberated.

(Capture of Bordeaux by French and American forces also was reported Thursday by the French radio at Algiers, but no confirmation has yet come from official sources.)

The mayor of Bordeaux, Adrian Marquet, deputy minister of the interior in Pierre Laval's Vichy government in 1940, was arrested within an hour after the port was taken, according to the French patriot authorities.

French said they expected American troops to reach the Spanish-French frontier at Hendaye, across the border from Irun, sometime today.

Allied technicians were declared already hard at work repairing the port installations of St. Jean de Luz, Bayonne and Bordeaux, on the Atlantic, and Port Vendres, on the Mediterranean, which were wrecked by the Germans before departure.

State Liquor Bonus Will End After Today

PORTLAND, Aug. 25—(P)—The Oregon liquor control commission announced tonight that tomorrow will be the last day permit holders may obtain an extra fifth of whiskey by purchasing two fifths of imported rum or brandy.

Chairman Hugh Kirkpatrick said the offer will be discontinued because of opposition from the regional OPA in San Francisco.

The commission has appealed to the national OPA, he added.

Germans Say End Nearing

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 25—(P)—Many Germans now give the German army only two more months in the struggle with allied troops, but believe Nazi last-ditch fighters will drag the reich through chaos for months after that, the newspaper Morgontidningen said today.

It quoted two Swedes newly returned from Berlin.

Another Swede, an engineer who lived in Stettin and Berlin for the last year, said Berliners called the collapse of the German army around Paris and the capitulation of Romania the "beginning of the end," and openly expressed the hope for peace before winter.

June Payrolls Less Than for Year Ago

Payrolls in Oregon during June, 1944, were approximately a million dollars less than those for June, 1943, but six million dollars larger than May, 1944, payrolls, state industrial accident commission figures released Friday reveal.

During June of this year actual payrolls reported to the commission totaled \$24,622,891, compared with \$33,185,852 as of June, 1943, and \$46,544,436 in May, 1944.