

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles Sprague

Down at Hodgenville, Kentucky. In a log cabin which now is encased in a structure of stone, Nancy Hanks Lincoln gave birth to a son, Abraham, on Feb. 12, 1809.

At Springfield, Ill., a granite shaft rises 120 feet in the air over the tomb of that Abraham; and at Washington stands a memorial in the form of a classic Greek temple of pure white marble, behind whose columns is the seated figure of Abraham Lincoln in colossal size.

Tomorrow the nation will honor the birthday of the man who was born in a humble log cabin near a creek in Kentucky and rose to save the nation in its most critical period, and crowned his service with martyrdom.

One who knows the story of Lincoln's war years cannot help but note the parallel with the present. Neither in the Spanish war nor in the first world war was this country really forced to extend itself. In 1861-65 the very existence of the nation as a federal union was gravely imperilled; and in 1914-18 this country stood in danger again, this time from powerful external foes. In the light of our recent experience we can read with fresh illumination the story of Abraham Lincoln in the White House, the story of war and its problems and difficulties.

There were early defeats: Bull Run was as disastrous and

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Pudding River Waters Claim Lakeview Boy

Lorenzo Grout, 13, son of John Grout of Lakeview, was drowned early Saturday night in Pudding river, four miles from Brooks on the Mt. Angel road. His body was taken from the swollen stream almost two hours after the lad and his 11-year-old brother were hurled into the water when a raft capsized.

Pete Grout, 11, Steve Rezneczek, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Rezneczek, route one Brooks, with whom the Grout boys had been staying, reconstructed the accident thus: Pete jumped from his raft to that on which Lorenzo was riding at a point in the river not far from the white bridge. The raft overturned and both boys fell into deep water. Pete swam ashore and looked back, he said, "to hear Lorenzo calling 'Come and help me, I can't swim any longer'."

But the night was dark and state police and sheriff's officers and Salem city first aid men were summoned to join Wilta Bell and E. M. Boyes of Brooks in the search. The boy was clad in heavy shoes, overalls and heavy leather gloves, and so had little chance to reach the shore, it was said. The boys believed he was the best swimmer of the three.

The body was taken to the coroner's. The boys' father, employed by the cattlemen's association at Lakeview, was notified Saturday night by telegram.

German Blows In Italy Fail

ROME, Feb. 10 - (AP) - German counterattacks have been repulsed at both the eastern and western ends of the weather-bound Italian front, the allied command reported today.

US Fifth army artillery dispersed one counterblow, dealt in battalion strength, on the western sector in the Serchio river valley, 19 miles north of Lucca, where the Americans earlier had scored an advance.

Another attack was stopped farther west near the coast at Strettoia, 18 miles southeast of the big harbor and naval base of La Spezia.

Koiso Shakes Cabinet Again

Japanese premier Kuniaki Koiso shook up his cabinet Saturday apparently to quiet rising criticism of the nation's war production and labor mobilization programs.

Radio Tokyo broadcasts, recorded by the FCC, told of the cabinet reshuffle affecting two posts closely linked with the munitions ministry in frantic efforts to mobilize manpower for war production.

Welfare minister Hisataka Hirose was replaced by Katsuraki Aikawa, the vice minister.

Education Minister Harushige Ninamiya gave way to Count Hideo Kodama, state minister without portfolio.

Chief cabinet secretary Takeo Tanaka was replaced by Hirose. The latter automatically became a member of the House of Peers.

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YANK REDS FIRST CAPTURES KEY ROER DAM; CAPTURE ELBING, PRUSSIAN PORT

Progress On Berlin Not Told

Russians Point New Spearhead Towards Baltic

By Richard Kasichke
LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 10 - (AP) - Russian troops captured the east Prussian port of Elbing and drove a new Pomeranian spearhead to within 52 miles of the Baltic yesterday, while Berlin announced that other powerful southern formations had broken into the suburbs of Liegnitz, big industrial city and road hub guarding the back door to Breslau, lower Silesian capital.

The battle for Berlin's immediate approaches was cloaked in security silence by Moscow, but German broadcasts indicated that the red army had broken the last substantial Nazi resistance east of the Oder river and had crossed the stream in great strength at points 30 to 43 miles from Berlin.

Smash Westward
Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukraine army in Silesia was reported to have smashed 25 miles west of the Oder river in two days, penetrating to within 92 miles of Dresden, German Saxony stronghold 90 miles below imperilled Berlin, but Moscow's communiqué did not mention this sector either.

4300 Nazis Taken
Marshal K. K. Rokossovsky's second white Russian army toppled Elbing, a city of 71,000 and the site of shipbuilding and big engineering works, a day after its encirclement had been announced by the Russians. His troops smashed a frantically resisting garrison which had been bolstered by German marine units, and captured 4300 prisoners Thursday and Friday, Moscow said.

The Germans had used the guns of their last two sizeable ships, the pocket battleships Admiral Scheer and Luetzow, in an effort to hold Elbing, the base for German counterattacks which tried vainly to break the trap troops to the east.

Frees Red Troops
Elbing's fall released thousands of Russians for a probable assault toward Danzig and also furnished more Soviet striking power to be turned against the remnants of perhaps 200,000 men originally estimated trapped south and southwest of Koenigsberg.

On narrowing this pocket to approximately 758 square miles of east Prussia's 14,283, Gen. Ivan Cherniakhovsky's third white Russian army captured Preussich Eylau, an eight-way road and rail junction 20 miles south of Koenigsberg. These troops also seized 30 nearby localities on a 15-mile front during the day, gaining up to three miles.

Church Rites Unite Richard Bong, Teacher

SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 10 - (AP) - Maj. Richard Ira Bong, the nation's ace of aces, and his schoolteacher sweetheart, Marjorie Ann Vattendahl, were married tonight in Concordia Lutheran church, in the biggest wedding this northern Wisconsin city has ever seen.

A full hour before the shy, modest son of a Swedish immigrant, and the attractive girl he met during his first home leave after becoming an ace, were to repeat their vows, the church was packed. The first eight rows of pews were reserved for friends of the pair, and shortly before the couple knelt before the Rev. Paul A. Boe, room was made for nine air force officers representing Gen. H. H. Arnold who was prevented by illness from attending the wedding.

German Food Situation Might Become Tragic by Autumn

By John A. Farris, Jr.
LONDON, Feb. 10 - (AP) - British economic experts estimated tonight that Germany had lost roughly 16,000,000 tons of food supplies as a result of the Russian advances and said that the food situation within the country might be tragic by autumn.

They agreed, however, that Germany probably would be able to stave off famine until after spring.

These experts said that Germany's food situation deteriorated rapidly during the past six weeks because of disorganized transport and the influx of millions of refugees from areas overrun by the Russian armies.

Germany has lost an eighth of the regular meat supply, a third

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Shortage of Meat Predicted

Civilian Supply Might Disappear By Mid-Summer

By Ovid A. Martin
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 - (AP) - Meats may virtually disappear from civilian markets by mid-summer government food officials predicted today. The forecast accompanied new steps to divert the larger portion of current production into war stocks.

Civilian supplies could be expected, however, to reappear when fall marketings of livestock begin their normal increase.

Three factors are involved: Unexpectedly smaller total meat production; the sharp drop in livestock marketing which normally occurs in spring and summer; and the combination of those factors which may leave the government unable to satisfy its wants before-hand and get out of the market ahead of the low-supply season.

The war stocks are those the government buys for the armed forces, for lend-lease, and for civilian consumption in US territories outside the continental limits of the country.

With livestock marketing falling below previous expectations, the agriculture department cut its forecast of total production this year from 22,750,000,000 pounds to 22,000,000,000. Last year 24,700,000,000 pounds were produced.

It is possible that per capita civilian consumption this year may fall to the lowest level since 1935 when meat supplies dropped after emergency slaughter of drought-stricken cattle on western plains in 1934 and a reduction of hog numbers by means of the government's pig killing program designed to improve farm prices.

Salem Driver, 9 Passengers Hurt in Crash

TROUTDALE, Ore., Feb. 10 - (AP) - Ten persons were injured, two seriously, when a Portland-bound Consolidate Freightways trailer swung into the front of an east-bound Union Pacific passenger bus one-half mile west of here.

John Dick, 35, Salem, bus driver, suffered a fractured left leg and hand. Cora Royce, 60, Portland, suffered a leg fracture and head lacerations.

Others injured, taken to Providence hospital in Portland, included, Mrs. Jurine Fossum, 65, Albany, face lacerations and knee injuries.

The driver of the truck, Milton E. McCauley, 49, Spokane, was charged with reckless driving by deputy sheriffs Ed Huita and Ralph Kennedy.

Effectiveness of Nazi 19th Army Destroyed

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP, Feb. 10 - (AP) - The effectiveness of the German 19th Army has been destroyed and approximately 75 per cent of its personnel has been killed or captured, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers told correspondents today in reviewing the campaign which eliminated the enemy's Colmar pocket.

of sugar, a fourth of the potatoes, a fifth of the bread grain, an eighth of the milk and cheese and a tenth of the butter, an official of the British ministry of economic warfare estimated.

Last November the Germans said that their reserve food stocks built up from occupied countries were then seriously depleted and that Germany would have to face this winter with her own resources.

Young Nazis Captured



Two young German SS troopers, wearing a wild array of clothing, keep their hands up after they were captured by units of the 7th American army in Schillersdorf, France. They were recently moved to the west front in Norway. (AP wirephoto from signal corps)

Japanese Man Everything To Put Up Furious Defense In Flaming South Manila

By C. Yates McDaniel
MANILA, Sunday, Feb. 11 - (AP) - Three Yank divisions fought bloody street and building battles in south Manila today with Japanese manning everything, erecting stone walls of a church yard, and forcing the doughboys to pick their way over mine fields out-rivalling those laid by the Germans in North Africa.

The first cavalry division, which entered Manila a week ago yesterday and recaptured the Santo Tomas internees, skirted the city's eastern edge and crossed the bridgeless Pasig river in native boats to join the 37th infantry and 11th airborne divisions in the fierce engagement.

Yesterday the motorized first cavalrymen had to throw the full weight of point blank artillery fire, heavy mortars and flame-throwers to break through one enemy stronghold which held them up for several hours.

The Japanese had drilled holes through stone walls two feet thick around a church yard. Through each aperture, they sprayed 20 mm. rapid fire cannon shells at Yanks moving across open mine fields. One American officer said these mine fields were more densely planted than German mine fields he had observed in North Africa and Italy.

DeGaulle Trip Stirs Rumors

PARIS, Sunday, Feb. 11 - (AP) - Gen. Charles De Gaulle left Paris last night on a trip which was described as wholly unrelated to the big three conference and, according to the latest reliable information, the French leader did not expect to be invited to the Black Sea area.

Nonetheless, it continued to be widely reported throughout the city that DeGaulle had left for the big three meeting. This was reported both by the Paris radio and other sources, but there was no official confirmation.

Well-informed quarters in Paris expected that President Roosevelt would visit France to see De Gaulle after conclusion of his meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

Brewers Will Get Less Malt for Beer Making

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 - (AP) - Brewers will be allotted 12 per cent less malt for beer between March 1 and August 31 than they got a year ago, the war food administration announced today.

The reduction probably will result in less beer and in some alteration of formulas to stretch malt supplies, officials said.

Partly Cloudy today with little change in temperature in the mid-Wilamette valley area, predicts U.S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem.

Tremor, Big Forts Hit Tokyo

Raid Probably Heaviest Against Nippon Capital

By Elmont Waite
TWENTY - FIRST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 10 - (AP) - American Superfortresses and an earthquake hit Tokyo today—the big B-29 bombers in probably their largest raid on the heart of Japan.

The number of planes participating was not disclosed here or in Washington, where the raid was first announced by the 20th air force command.

But the force was as large and probably larger than any ever sent previously over Honshu, main island of Japan. It was the fifty-second B-29 mission against the enemy's home islands.

A Japanese imperial communiqué said 90 Superfortresses raided the Tokyo-Yokohama area. Tokyo radio said the raid started at 2:30 p. m. and continued for an hour.

The Japanese capital apparently remained jittery throughout Saturday night. A second alert was sounded at 9:15 p. m. and was caused, a broadcast said, when a single plane of a B-29 formation penetrated the area.

The earthquake, also reported by Tokyo radio, started at 1:50 p. m. and shook Japan from Hokkaido, northernmost of the main islands, south through Honshu, on which Tokyo is situated.

(Seismographs in the United States recorded the quake. As recorded at Georgetown university, Washington, D. C., it lasted for nearly three hours.)

The Tokyo broadcast admitted "some damage to ground installations was sustained" in the bombing attack. Earthquake damage was not mentioned.

Statesman Is Best Promoter For Nurses

A study made this past week by the Portland Advertising club reveals that The Statesman has carried more advertising promotion for the American Red Cross Nurses' recruitment program than any other newspaper on the Pacific coast. Quentin Cox, KGW manager and vice president for district No. 3 of the Pacific Advertising club, has announced.

Results of that advertising have been gratifying, declares Louise Arneson, who heads the nurses' training and recruitment committees for the Red Cross here. Nine nurses' aides have volunteered for service, three trained nurses have come back into service to help meet local hospital needs, one more has enlisted for military duty and approximately 30 new students have registered for the night classes for nurses' aides which are to open shortly. Sixty-eight women are now training as nurses' aides in day and night classes.

Accident Victim Dies Saturday

Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, 64, who was hit by a car near Cottage and Court streets last Tuesday night, died Saturday night as a result of injuries received in the accident.

Mrs. Mitchell, who came here from Hubbard five months ago was employed at the Deaconess Cottage home. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. T. Foulkes of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Luella Hawley of Washington, D. C.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the W. T. Bigdon company.

Girl Sniper Studies
MOSCOW, Feb. 10 - (AP) - The Soviet Union's most famous girl sniper, Ludmila Pavlichenko, now is a cadet at Kiev state university and is preparing to become a history teacher next year.

WLB Grants Boss Right to Embrace His Stenographers

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 10 - (AP) - A southern businessman wrote the fourth regional war labor board, asking that "you authorize me to embrace all my stenographers at their various locations, under general order 31."

After a couple of huddles, wage stabilization experts granted the request, deciding that "embrace," in this instance was a statistical approach to an intra-office wage problem.

Big Three May Define Terms For Germans

LONDON, Feb. 10 - (AP) - The big three, in a move to eliminate Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels' dire interpretations of unconditional surrender, may soon lay down the first specific statement of the price the German people must pay for 10 years of Nazi militarism.

This possibility was raised in both British and American quarters today with the prediction that a formal outline of surrender provisions would be timed to coincide with a major military setback for the Germans.

Just when this will be remained uncertain, but its importance was reflected in unofficial reports that the allied leaders turned their attention to victory terms soon after completing military discussions at their Black sea conference.

Wallace Hopes Improve as House Argues

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 - (AP) - Reaction against house efforts to amend or delay legislation severing government lending agencies from the commerce department threatened today to alter senate sentiment on the Henry Wallace cabinet appointment.

Senator George (D-Ga.) told a reporter he is beginning to believe that if house opponents either bottle up his bill or load it with veto-inspiring amendments the senate might vote to confirm Wallace for commerce secretary with all the powers Jesse Jones wielded.

"It would be extremely shortsighted if those who don't want Wallace should make it impossible for the house to pass the bill or should bring out a measure that the president would not sign," George said.

Patterson May Get Advisory Job in Europe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 - (AP) - President Roosevelt's final selection of an American member for the allied mission to control post-war Germany probably will come shortly after the Big Three conference.

This was suggested tonight in competent quarters where it was said that among the names so far mentioned were those of Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Assistant Secretary of War John J. McLoey.

The Army and Navy Journal, unofficial service publication, said that Mr. Roosevelt before his departure for the Black sea meeting decided upon Patterson.

U.S. Prisoners Freed
LONDON, Feb. 10 - (AP) - The Lublin radio in Poland said tonight that about 70 American and British prisoners of war who had been freed by the 7th army in Silesia now were safe in Lublin and awaiting transportation home.

Night Bombers Follow up Day Blow on Nazis

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 11 - (AP) - Allied night raiders aroused western Germany early today, the Nazi radio reported, after a series of day-long attacks by front-line bombers and fighters which flew 1500 sorties yesterday against reich villages along the Rhine.

A small force of 150 American heavy bombers and 130 fighters smashed U-boat pens at IJmuiden, Holland, and exploded a gasoline dump at Duelsen, southwest of Muenster, Germany, yesterday.

Two Flying Fortress were reported lost and 18 continent-based craft were missing, but a dozen fortified German villages were ripped apart by dive-bombers and strafers.

The US Ninth air force flew almost 900 sorties and the RAF second tactical air force made 600 trips over the front lines, the pilots concentrating on transport feeding into German positions and hitting 420 pieces of rail equipment and 147 vehicles.

Nazis Tell People to Expect Terror Reign if Allies Win

LONDON, Feb. 10 - (AP) - German propagandists told their people today that if they failed to fight to a finish they could expect armed occupation of the entire country for a dozen years and occupation of strategic areas until the year 2000.

"Germany knows the price of continued warfare," said the political commentator Hans Haertel in a domestic broadcast, "but it is preferable to be killed in battle than to commit suicide by capitulation."

While the Allies pressed deeper

Offensive On Kleve Goes Well

2,000,000 Pounds Of Shells Poured On Dam Position

By Edward Kennedy
PARIS, Sunday, Feb. 11 - (AP) - Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' US First Army captured the important Schwammeneau dam on the Roer river yesterday following one of the greatest Allied artillery barrages of the war.

Simultaneously, Canadian First Army men scored new gains and took two more towns in their Kleve offensive.

Seizure of the Schwammeneau dam, which controls the river's flow, paramount importance as the British Second Army and the American Ninth now stand poised on the western banks of the Roer for the impending onslaught against the Rhineland.

Hodges' men crossed the dam to reach the opposite banks despite the danger of being blown up by demolition charges set by the Nazis. Earlier in the day the enemy exploded the dam, but US engineers reported the wrecked segments not booby-trapped as was expected.

It can now be disclosed that American guns poured 2,000,000 pounds of shells into German positions around the Schwammeneau and other dams during the past six days. Supreme headquarters has announced that this shell-fire killed some 200 Nazis, broke up enemy counterattacks and prevented reinforcements from being brought up.

The shattered Schwammeneau dam—one of the biggest along the Roer—was a vital German control point of a river which is the chief barrier before the Allied drive to the Rhine.

Water Released
As a result of certain enemy demolitions along the Schwammeneau and Heimbach dams—unspecified by Allied headquarters as to their extent and apparently unknown by headquarters spokesmen as to their effect—a certain amount of water is pouring down the Roer. The river overflowed its banks in the Dueren area and was 125 feet wide Friday noon. It then began to recede, however, and dropped four inches by late Friday. Latest reports said it was still receding.

Earlier today Nazi units exploded the gates of the Schwammeneau dam, sending a flood roaring north through the valley in hopes of bolstering their western defenses. In so doing, they tossed away a trump with which they had forestalled since November an Allied smash into the Ruhr and Rhineland.

Canadian First Army troops made new gains in their Kleve offensive, capturing two more towns—Heinkeln, a mile and a half south of Weiler, and Schottheide, a mile and a half deeper into the Reichswald forest. German resistance in this sector was increasing.

Other Canadian units moved onto high ground south and south west of the medieval citadel of Kleve, which the enemy has converted into a Siegfried line bastion.

In this offensive the Allies have resorted to using smokescreens. They threw one 4000 yards in length across the banks of the Rhine during the first day of the attacks and followed it up with one twice that length the next day.

Late reports tonight said no important counter-attacks had been launched against the Canadians. The Germans have employed some self-propelled guns against troops fighting near the edge of Kleve, but so far no Nazi tanks have been thrown in.

Work Draft Alternate Eyed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 - (AP) - Substitution of statutory backing for the present voluntary manpower controls, in place of work-or-jail legislation now pending, appeared as a possibility tonight.

Members of the senate military committee, which will resume hearings on the house-passed bill Tuesday, were talking about such a change.

Meanwhile letters on manpower control kept flowing into senators' offices from the voters back home. Protests against the pending bill were particularly heavy from organized labor. Some parents of men in the services have endorsed the bill warmly, however.

Weather
San Francisco Max. 62 Min. 44 Rain
Chicago 51 42 1.50
Salem 55 44 2.50
Portland 53 42 2.50
Seattle 52 41 2.50
Willamette river 144 ft.