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Once again the cutbacks in production orders on munitions and weapons. New plants under construction that were to turn out additional quantities of armored tanks will not be required. The ammunition is estimated at \$200,-000,000. The war department

fighting men of a sufficient pro- pan. duction rate to complete the war against Germany and provide the output necessary to supply forces to be used against Japan.'

claiming it was needed to insure ized resistance. adequate supplies for the fighting forces in Europe and the Pa-

on this work-or-jail bill. It was west coast. a very able address and evidently The Americans on the vital made by 21st bomber command front." made a favorable impression on Ryukyu island were killing Jap- planes. the senate and the country. One anese at the rate of about 11 to 1, Tokyo said the Shizuoka dist- class" battle has developed beof his best points was to answer considerably less than the ratio rict, south of Tokyo, also was a tween Lake Comacchio and the what the generals and admirals American casualties were up to B-29s which raided the mainland attacking on-a 20-mile front. impressed by that argument, and went on to say that in his work on the war labor board he had found the attitude of militaryminded men ill-adapted to the way since then. task of settling labor disputes. Praising the military leaders for he discounted their judgment in where the strongly-entrenched

"Mr. President, let us be frank about the matter. By training, by on the whole those in charge of Naha, was undeniably the fiercest British press reported without men of action. They are men who cific war. want immediate

(Continued on editorial page)

Schindler Will **Assist Wallace**

WASHINGTON, April 11-(AP)-Alfred Schindler, a 50-year-old inated today by President Rooselace's right hand man at the department of commerce.

helping business and industry.

first met Wallace over 20 years capital. ago when Schindler was a feed Suma told neutral sources here

Laurel Branch Will Be Design on Peace Stamp

unusually simple design of the Divisions to Pacific United Nations commemorative stamp to be issued at San Francis-

the stamp, which will go on first to the Pacific front as part of a day sale simultaneously with the quota of 1,000,000 soldiers from opening of the United Nations Latin-America agreed upon at the conference, will be blue and of Mexico City inter-American confive-cent denomination.

Okinawa SFFMS U.S. Dead

Bitter Fighting Raging on Both **Ends of Island**

By Merlin Spencer GUAM, Thursday, April 12-(AP) American casualties of 2695aggregate of cancelled orders for 432 dead, 2103 wounded and 160 missing-in the first nine days of the Okinawa invasion were announced today by Fleet Adm. Tuesday issued a statement as Chester W. Nimitz as U. S. marines and infantrymen fought bitterly "American production is now at on both ends of that rain-swept a level which assures American island just 325 miles south of Ja-

Doughboys of Maj. Gen. John R. legislation, the work-or-jail bill, rines in the north ran into organ- capital.

marine amphibious corps scored range Mustang fighters flying cific. What a quick and abrupt some advances but their speed was their second war mission over slowed materially. The leather- Japan. Senator Morse made his first necks hold about two-thirds of full-length address in the senate the Notobu peninsula on Okinawa's flew a round trip of 3800 miles-

the argument that this bill was on Iwo Jima and Saipan. The target of "approximately 150" Via Emilla where the British are wanted. He said he was not at all midnight Monday. By Sunday from 10 am, until noon (9 p.m. dead and 222 prisoners, but much time). heavy fighting has been under

Admiral Nimitz again reported "no substantial changes in the their abilities in their own field, lines" in the southern sector, matters relating to civilian life Japanese were pouring in artillery, mortar and small arms fire in increasing amounts. The action. fought along the "little Siegfried line" about four miles north of the military and the navy are artillery engagement of the Pa- confirmation today that Adolf

Spain Severs All Relations With Nippon

MADRID, April 11 -(AP)- Spain severed diplomatic relations with St. Louis businessman, was nom- Japan today in what apparently was the aftermath of the killing velt to be Secretary Henry Wal- of Spanish nationals by Japanese soldiers at Manila.

Japanese Minister Yakichiro Schindler issued a statement Suma earlier in the day started to tion was reliable. ment here saying he's ready to arrange his departure for Portu-"devote my all" to the task of gal but it was reported Spain would hold him and other Jap-The new undersecretary-sub- anese diplomats until Tokyo arject to approval of the senate- ranged the safe departure of Spanwas hand-picked by Wallace. He ish diplomats now in the Japanese

sales executive and Wallace a yesterday that Japan had acknowledged on April 7 receipt of Spain's protest about the Manila killings. The protest was filed March 24. Details of the diplomatic exchange were not revealed.

WASHINGTON, April 11-(AP)-A chile Will Send Two

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 11-(AP) The magazine "Vea" said today Postmaster General Walker said that Chile will send two divisions

Oregon Dairy Official Seeks Referendum of 3 Milk Bills

Declaring three bills relating to later than June 15 of this year pasteurization of milk and milk and must contain signatures of products and to fixing of fluid 14,442 qualified voters, would stay factory to a large number of pro- 1946 general election, ducer-distributors and particular- Particular objection was voiced erators, Henry Fruitiger announc- 371 which authorizes the state died here Wednesday that he hoped rector of agriculture to set standby May I to file preliminary pe- ards for fluid milk and cream. titions for referendum of the trio The law places too much author-

Fruitiger, Portland, is president said. of Oregon. His announcement here

law requires must be filed not dairy products.

milk standards by the state de- operation of the three measures junction of the North and South partment of agriculture unsatis- until referred to the voters at the Santiam highways with prospects

ly objectionable to raw milk op- by Fruitiger against house bill ity in one state agency, Fruitiger

of the Milk Producers-Distributors The other bills under attack Friendship Pact Signed would forbid sale of unpasteuryesterday followed a conference ized dairy products from herds not LONDON, Thursday, April 12 with Sen. W. E. Burke, Yamhill free from Bang's disease or tuber- (A)- The Moscow radio announced county, and Attorney General culosis after a specified series of today that a pact of friendship four tests and would remove from and mutual assistance had been Completed petitions, which the the existing law all reference to signed by the soviet union and

Mule Afraid of Dark Turns On Light in Barn

KANSAS CITY, April 11 -(AP Tobe, a mule, is afraid of the dark. Guards at municipal farm carefully turn off lights at the barn every night. Recently the bulb in Tobe's stall has been burning when employes make their morning rounds.

Last night Maurice Caenepeel snapped off a light and started out the door. Suddenly the bulb lit up again and Caenepeel saw Tobe release the switchcord from his

2 B-29 Forces Blast Koriyama Tokyo Targets

GUAM, Thursday, April 12-(A) Hodge's 24th army corps were Two "large forces" of Superfortstalemated in the southern sec- resses today raided the Nakajima tor for the seventh straight day Musashino aircraft engine plant Yet some ten days ago the mili- amid a full-blown artillery duel, in Tokyo and the industrial and tary authorities were demanding and for the first time since the transportation center of Koriyama. enactment of national service Easter Sunday invasion the ma- 110 miles north of the Nipponese

> The Tokyo raiding force was Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger's Third escorted by Iwo Jima-based long

the longest bombing flight ever

Rumors About Hitler Running Riot in Britain Adm. Scheer

LONDON, April 11 -(AP)- The haps dving has been forced by By RAF Fleet haps dying, has been forced by the nazis to yield control over the toppling reich to Heinrich

indicating he gave it no credence.

The U. S. 12th army group headquarters received information meanwhile that 102 members of the luftwaffe, including a General Baber, were executed by the Germans March 31 in an effort to quell a rebellion of army officers. Headquarters said the informa-

Fred E. Neely Dies Suddenly

Chief of Police Fred E. Neely, 56, of 156 Gerth ave., West Salem. died Wednesday at 4:12 p. m. in a Salem hospital following a stroke he suffered shortly after 11 a. m. Wednesday in his home. Ill for several years Neely, although suffering severely at times, expressed confidently to his many friends that he was constantly gaining in his fight for health.

Wednesday morning he appeared as usual in the city hall and pitched into the multitudinous jobs over which he presided. Besides actively directing the work of the police department he also supervised all street work, the water department and conducted the inspections of all building construction.

114 Inches of Snow at Santiam Road Junction

The state highway department received word Wednesday that there is 114 inches of snow at the of additional snow within the next few hours.

Highway department officials said two road clearing crews had been sent to the scene with snow plows and other equipment. The snow depth on the Wapanitia cutoff was reported at 84 inches.

Yugoslavia.

Offense In Italy Goes Well

Eighth Reaches Santerno River: 5th Also Gains

By Lynn Heinzerling

ROME, April 11 .- (AP)-The British Eighth army has burst out of its bridgehead across the Senio river against strong opposition and reached the Santerno river at many places, it was announced

Other troops of the Eighth army have landed on the shore of Lake Comacchio four miles behind the German positions in an amphibious leap-frog operation, a special communique disclosed.

At the same time the American Fifth army was reported to have advanced more than three miles north of Massa against heavy resistance. The Americans also pushed nearer Carrara. *

The success of the Eighth army put British, New Zealand, Indian and Polish troops at least four miles beyond the Senio as allied headquarters announced the cap-Superforts striking Koriyama ture of three towns and said the enemy defenses on the Senio river had been "breached on a broad

(The German radio said a "first The Nazi transocean

Santerno sector.) Eighth army troops who landed behind enemy lines at Lake Combehind enemy lines at Lake Com-acchio captured a bridge and more Nippon Relief than 100 prisoners.

British and then withdrew to the

Sunk at Kiel

LONDON, April 11 -(AP)- The German 10,000-ton pocket battle- duct. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden ship Admiral Scheer-one of the was asked in commons whether two most formidable warships he could confirm a report that left in the German navy-has been Hitler had been assassinated, but bombed and sunk at the Kiel naval base, the British air ministry announced tonight

It was another crippling blow to Germany's fast-waning might. The loss leaves Germany only one other pocket battleship, the Luetzow, and was the most serious disaster to the German navy since the sinking of the big battleship Tirpitz last November.

British Lancasters sent the Ad- kong, Salgon, Singapore and miral Scheer to the bottom with Dutch Indies ports. The supplies their bombs last Monday night as had been sent to Vladivostok over it rode moored in the inner basin a year ago and a long negotations at Kiel naval base, the ministry preceded Japanese agreement to

The Berlin Funnel



Much of the allied might on the western front is forming into a funnel that opens onto Berlin. Today that might has progressed to Madge-burg, only 57 miles from the capital city.

Soviets Sever One of Last German Escape Routes from Vienna, Storm Across Canal

By Romney Wheeler LONDON, Thursday, April 12-(AP)-Red army tanks cut one of the last remaining German escape routes from Vienna vesterday while shock troops stormed across the Danube canal within midnight the enemy had lost 5009 to 11 p.m. Wednesday, eastern war broadcast claimed the Germans the city and freed more than nine-tenths of that part of the Auswiped out the first line of the trian capital lying on the Danube's south bank.

Hurdling the canal, a former branch of the Danube, Russian the Danube. Ship Believed The Russians won control of the

April 1 by submarine action.

visible at any time.

deliver them.

Men of Nippon Riddled

Its decks covered with dead, dying, wounded and cringing crewn a Japanese frigate wallows in the sea off the Indo-China co

just before it sank after being attacked by American B-25s. It was part of a Jap convoy of 16 ships. (AP wirephote from Far East

The announcement said that no

The Awa Maru was returning

to Japan after having delivered

relief supplies for allied internees

and prisoners in Formosa, Hong-

lights or special illumination were

southernmost of Vienna's five Sunk by Sub bridges across the Danube, but the Moscow radio said SS men were dynamifing the spans as part of a WASHINGTON, April 11 .- (AP)sytematic destruction of the last The state department announced of the city in their hands. tonight that an allied submarine sank what may have been the Northeast of Vienna, a massive at leisure.

Japanese relief ship Awa Maru, travelling under allied safe contank battle raged on the historic Napoleonic battleground of the Marchfeld plain. The Germans The announcement said the navy battled to stave off Red army endepartment had reported that a circlement, but the Russians ship about 40 miles from the estimated position of the Japanese railroad running north to Lundenvessel was sunk about midnight burg and the Czechoslovak city of Bruenn (Brno). A survivor said it was the Awa

As the Moscow radio reported buildings crashing down and smoke spiralling high over Vienna, Berlin said that the Red army had driven 42 miles west of the Austrian capital toward Linz and Munich in a sweep along the Danube valley, a classic invasion route to

from Linz and 75 miles from Ba- armored division. varia. If true, it meant the Russians were within 116 miles of Berchtesgaden, Adolf Hitler's mountaintop retreat.

Jap General **Joins Cabinet**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11. (P)- Lt. Gen. Fujiharu Yasul, the Germans today of killing 5,member of the powerful Japanese military faction known as the schwitz) extermination camp in Kwantung army clique, has joined the new Nipponese cabinet as a self narrowly escaped. minister without portfolio, Tokyo radio said today. Premier Kantaro Suzuki's cabi- ported 500,000 Jews had been

net acquired another member when Natoa Kohiyama, president and the International church of the south Manchuria railway, movement Ecumenical refugee was installed as minister of transportation and communications, on Oswiecim and its sister camp said another of the Japanese broadcasts heard by the FCC. Yasul lifted the cabinet military membership to six-four navy and

two army leaders. Finn Premier Directed

To Form New Cabinet

Preident Carl Gustav Mannerheim of Finland directed Premier Juho K. Passikivi to form a new cabinet, the Finnish radio report. Hamburg Chief Flees ed last (Wednesday) night in a LONDON, April 11 -(P)- The

Simpson's 9th At Magdeburg On Elbe River

By Austin Bealmear

PARIS, Thursday, April 12-(AP)-Armored columns of the US Ninth army swept within 57 miles of Berlin and within 115 miles of the Russian front yesterday in a startling advance of more than 50 miles that carried to the Elbe river at Magdeburg. A crossing of this last water barrier before the German capital was believed imminent.

The sensational eastward drive, longest single day's thrust yet made on German soil, was accomplished by the Second (hell on wheels) armored division, which by-passed the manufacturing city of Brunswick and roared through the heart of the reich against practically non-existent oppo-

A late dispatch said the river could be bridged within a few hours unless unexpected resistance developed. This would set the stage for an early junction with the red army. Correspondents said the linkup might be made within a few days.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth army troops were 57 miles away from the southwestern limits of Greater Berlin, which includes Potsdam, and the Russians were 32 miles from the capital on the east with the city itself stretching some 25 miles between these two points. Essen and Bochum, great armament cities in the Ruhr trap, fell to other Ninth army troops, and tonight the Paris radio said Dortmund

also had been cleared in the crumbling pocket. First army forces to the south sped within 120 miles of a juncture with Russian troops while the Third army, springing to the attack

PARIS, April 12-(P)-Ninth air force pilots were quoted by Stars and Stripes today as reporting U.S. Third army armor nearing Halle, 15 miles northwest of Leipzig. Latest official reports,

however, placed the Third army 48 miles from Leipzig.

again after five days of comparative inactivity, blazed ahead along a 60-mile front, capturing Coburg and encircling Erfurt. Seventh Loses Some Ground

On the southern end of the front the U.S. Seventh army lost some ground but at the same time stormed to a point only 29 miles northwest of the big Nazi convention city of Nuemberg.

British troops in the north punched to within 45 miles of Hamtheir west the Canadians crossed the Issel river deeper into Holland, where scores of thousands of Germans were trapped.

In making its spectacular dash to Magdeburg the Second (Hell tommy-gunners captured half of on Wheels) armored division by-passed on the south the big aircraft the nine-mile-long island where fa- center of Brunswick and plunged eastward on a solid 10-mile front. natical Nazi troops were making a meeting only scattered opposition throughout the remarkable day. final stand between the canal and The Nazi Brunswick garrison still was fighting bitterly through the streets against doughboys of the 30th division. 83rd Reaches Halberstadt

> Farther south the 83rd division stormed ahead 20 miles and reached Halberstadt, 24 miles southwest of Magdeburg. A huge airplane factory at Alberstadt was overrun.

> The Germans lacked the manpower even to slow General Simpson's wave of men and armor. As occasional pockets of resistance were encountered the American avalanche simply built up before them and burst around both sides, leaving the Nazi garrisons to be cleaned out

> "South of Brunswick there were not even any pockets, and old 'Hell on Wheels' was moving like it did through Sicily," said Associated Press War Correspondent Wes Gallagher.

Another front dispatch declared the Elbe could be bridged within a few hours-'unless the Germans decide to fight, something they slashed across a secondary escape haven't really done for two weeks."

Reach River On Both Sides The Ninth army troops apparently reached the Elbe on both sides of Magdeburg, and just to the north of that big city is a wide autobahn, or super military highway, leading to Berlin.

The swift First army drove across the Thuringian plain south of the Harz mountains, crushing the small opposition in its path and outrunning its communications with headquarters. Already the headlong advance of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges'

forces and the flanking Ninth and Third armies threatened to bar German forces in the north from their last-ditch fortress in the Alps south of Munich. Yank infantry was mopping up behind the fastnoving armor. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army lashed out again after

The enemy said that tanks of several days spent consolidating its positions and quickly fought into Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's and encircled the city of Erfurt, between Gotha and Weimar some 130 Third Ukrainian army had lanced miles southwest of Berlin. Twenty-three Nazi tanks and 18 planes westward to the Danube bend be were destroyed in capturing the Erfurt airport in the northern part tween Krems and Melk, 50 miles of the city. Coburg, 50 miles south of Erfurt, surrendered to the 11th

Germans Accused of Killing 5,000,000 Jews at One Camp (A spokesman fo rthe American

By Thoburn Wiant NEAR ERFURT, Germany, Apr.

11.-(A)-Dr. Bela Fabian, president of the dissolved Hungarian independent democratic party, accused 000,000 Jews at the Oswiecim (Au-Polish Silesia from which he him-

(The Polish ministry of information more than a year ago regassed and cremated at this camp committee in a subsequent report of Birkenau said 1,715,000 Jews had been killed at the two places. had no figures to substantiate a report that 5,000,000 had been exterminated in one camp.) Fabian declared the executions were carried out in a 10-month period. He said all Jews over 50 were

Jewish committee library in New

York said it had been estimated

4.000,000 to 5,000,000 Jews had

been exterminated since the war

began in Europe, but the library

automatically condemned to the gas chamber and crematory as were the weak and sickly and young mothers who refused to leave their children. "If the captain did not like the looks of anyone else-they were gassed too," he said.

Ambassador Gets OK

BUENOS AIRES, April 11-(AP)-The Argentine government said today that Spruille Braden, proposed as U.S. ambassador to this country, would be acceptable here. Braden how is U.S. ambassador to

deast reported by the FCC. Luxembourg radio said today that Earlier the Finnish radio said a the nazi gauleiter of Hamburg coalition government was expect had fied from the city as Field ed to be formed under Paasikivi to Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomreplace the cabinet which resigned ery's troops drove toward the big following the recent elections.

WASHINGTON, April 11-(AP)-Business activity as reflected by the value of checks caused in the first three months of 1945 was seven per cent above the corresponding period last year.

Business Activity Up

Weather