

YANKEES 87 MILES FROM PARIS

Weather

Forecast: Fair with little change in temperature tonight and Thursday. Temp. Highest yesterday 81. Lowest this morning 52. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.

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Sisters Accused of Treason



Here are the three American sisters of Japanese descent who are accused in Denver, Colo., Federal Court of helping German prisoners to escape from war prisoner camp: Mrs. Florence (Flo) Shive Otani (left, above), Mrs. Billie Shitara Taniguchi (walking), and Mrs. Tsukuko (Toots) Wallace.

Witnesses Contradict POW's In Trial of Japanese Women

Denver, Colo., Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Attorneys for the government suddenly rested their case against three Japanese-American sisters accused of treason, after only nine minutes of testimony at today's session of federal court.

DRAFT QUOTAS TO CONTINUE UNTIL JAPS ARE BEATEN

Salem, Ore., Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—There will be little chance of a material reduction in draft quotas immediately after the end of the European war, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service said here today.

Replacement of battle-weary troops must be a primary consideration now, he said. Those who have been in the fight the longest should have the first chance to get out, he said. There is the deterioration of troops to consider.

Demobilization is the one big job now facing the draft setup, General Hershey said. It must be done slowly enough so that millions of men are not put back into civilian life at one time, and this gradual release of men would be of great assistance to the process of reconversion.

The selective service system in Oregon, under the direction of Col. Elmer V. Wootton, has done an outstanding job, General Hershey said. He had high praise for Wootton, and termed him a selective service expert of national standing.

SIDE GLANCES

Softball Player Earl Schilling reprimanding Umpires Howard Oden and Clint Baughman for being "blind as bats."

Friends declining Tod Porter's offer to buy their morning coffee and complaining that his voice carried a "martyred" tone.

Aubrey (Tubby) Dean making a neat stack out of the salvaged cans brought to his service station and patriotically urging everyone to add to the collection.

RUSSIANS OPEN FIGHT FOR RIGA, LATVIAN CAPITAL

Iron Ring Tightened On German Divisions in Baltic States—Doom Seen

Moscow, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Two Red armies opened the battle for Riga and tightened their encirclement of the remnants of 20 to 30 German divisions in the Baltic states today with converging drives through swamps and massive forests on the southeastern and southern approaches to the Latvian capital.

Front dispatches said the 1st and 2nd Soviet Baltic armies already have won the first round by smashing the most powerful German attempt yet to break out of the Baltic trap, and by knocking out more than three German divisions in a fighting advance across the Alivskes river 65 miles southeast of Riga.

Despite their initial setbacks, the Germans continued to hurl reserves, including guards regiments, into battle to contest every yard of ground on the Luban plains marking the approaches to Riga. Battles raged for every strongpoint, dispatches said, and in some sectors the Germans were counterattacking a dozen or more times a day.

Only by penetrating the marshes and forests facing the Luban plains have the Russians been able to execute sweeping flanking maneuvers that cracked the enemy's main bastions, the army organ Red Star said.

Informed military observers said the Germans' Baltic armies apparently have decided against an attempt to escape by sea and intend to fight it out on land. The eventual collapse and destruction of the enemy units is certain, they said.

HERBERT R. BOTTS MISSING IN ACTION MOTHER NOTIFIED

Sergeant Herbert R. Botts, Medford man serving with a paratrooper division, has been declared missing in action in France since the sixth of June, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Mayme Botts, 312 S. Central Ave.

The following message was received from the adjutant general:

"The secretary of war desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Sergeant Herbert R. Botts, has been reported missing in action since the sixth of June in France. If further details or other information are received you will be promptly notified."

A graduate of Medford high school with the class of '39, Botts enlisted in the service March 4, 1942.

Luftwaffe Done, Belief Of Allied Air Chief Marshal

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, London, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—The Allies may have fought their last big air battle over western Europe, Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory told a supreme headquarters press conference today.

The Luftwaffe disappointed the Anglo-American air commander by failing to resist invasion when the Allied sky-fleet was set and waiting for the Germans. Since then the Nazi air arm has failed to put up a determined resistance and Marshal Leigh-Mallory said he believes it unlikely that they will increase their effort.

"I will be very much surprised if the Luftwaffe stages a comeback—they have gone too far," he said. "They have still got good equipment, as in the last war, but even new equipment is not likely to pull the Luftwaffe out of its tailspin."

PEACE SOUGHT IN TRUCKER STRIKE WITHOUT SEIZURE

Union's Agreement With Army to Keep Supplies Rolling Reported Violated

By United Press
The government sought today to settle a strike of estimated 50,000 Midwest truck drivers and freight handlers without seizing the motor freight lines.

A White House spokesman said the dispute over the failure of approximately 125 firms to abide by a war labor board order for a seven-cent hourly wage increase had been put into the hands of several agencies for study.

Although the union and the army had an agreement to keep war supplies moving, there were several reports of interference with war shipments by motor freight.

Companies Blamed
At Minneapolis, Ray Wentz, labor representative of the war production board, said the union had stuck to the agreement but that the WPB has "had some difficulty" with trucking companies.

At Chicago, David I. Olin, president of the Service Wholesale Drug company, reported that he had not been able to make drug shipments to Minnesota and Iowa since the start of the strike. Other drug companies in the Chicago area reported they were having difficulty in moving supplies to drug stores and hospitals.

Philadelphia, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Federal Judge George A. Welsh, charging a grand jury to investigate every phase of the Philadelphia transportation strike, today told the jury to remember "what happened in Philadelphia can determine the outcome" of the national elections in November.

Warning the jurors that retribution to the ostensible leaders of the six-day strike was only one part of their duty, Judge Welsh ordered them to investigate every reason behind the strike and to carry their investigation as far back as three years in a study of the corporate structure of the Philadelphia Transportation company.

Remember Election
"The reason given for the strike," Judge Welsh said, "is one of racial intolerance. I hope that is not the real cause. We must be cognizant of the fact that a national election is being held this year, and what happened in Philadelphia can determine the outcome of that election."

The strike started when the PTC upgraded eight negro employees in an operator training program. All operating employees of the company immediately walked out.

John L. Mum on Window Entrance

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Glowing, bushy-eyed, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, today declined comment on momentous national and international affairs, but his sister-in-law, Mrs. C. P. Charrier, suggested he might tell reporters how he might tell them to get into his home by climbing through a bedroom window last night.

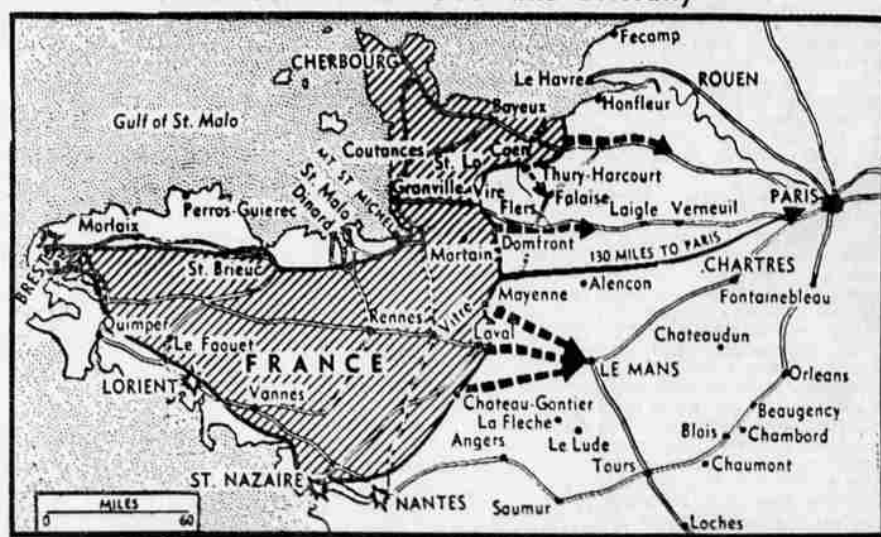
Lewis, visiting Boise en route to the west coast, did not think that matter worth discussing, either.

DIME STORE DAUGHTER WILL WED CHINA BOY

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Miss Velma Lowe daughter of Andrew Lowe, vice-president of the National Dollar Stores, will become the bride of Tse Kiong Sun, grandson of China's first president, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, here Saturday.

Sun, a graduate of the University of California, is a member of the staff of Consul General C. T. Feng. He is the son of Dr. Sun Fo, chairman of the legislative yuan of the Chinese government.

American Armor Overruns Brittany



American armored columns imperil the entire German Seventh Army as they over-run the Brittany Peninsula and send fast-moving spearheads toward Paris in swiftest moving attack in France since D-Day. Key towns on the peninsula are expected to fall momentarily as the drives on Le Mans, Laigle, Falaise and Paris meet with swift resistance.

Fibber and Molly Picture Barred From Army Screens as "Political"

Washington, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—The Washington Daily News in a copyrighted story said today that the army had banned the film "Heavenly Days," starring Fibber McGee and Molly, from army camp screens here and overseas.

"This is the first Hollywood feature to be put on the shelf as not conforming to public law 277 (the soldier vote law) which bars pictures which have a political import from servicemen," the News said. "The army calls it a satire on the New Deal and thumbed it out."

The News said administration of the law may also bar the film on the career of Woodrow Wilson from army camp screens. "If it is presented on the camp screens," the News said, "there certainly will be a howl that servicemen are seeing a motion picture that has definitely political implications. Editorial comment has already interpreted the film as helpful to President Roosevelt, politically."

The News said the Fibber McGee and Molly film advertised as a "one-man war on congress to set things right for Mr. Average Citizen—with Molly in there pitching for the housewives."

Medford Girl, 15 Says Her Husband Has Another Wife

Suit seeking the annulment of a marriage performed at Reno, July 28, was filed yesterday by Irene Medley, 15, through her guardian ad litem, Gladys M. Waltermire, against Theodore Medley.

The complaint sets forth that at the time of the Reno wedding, the defendant had another wife from whom he has not been divorced. It is further claimed that within the past six months, a suit for divorce from this wife has been filed at Reno but no decree has been granted.

The complaint further claims both the first wife and the defendant are bona fide residents of Jackson county.

MEDITERRANEAN CHIEF REVEALS ITALY MOVE

Rome, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, supreme Allied commander in the Mediterranean theater, announced tonight the removal of Allied headquarters from North Africa to Italy.

The transfer was made some time ago but not previously announced. The shift included headquarters of the Royal and U. S. navies, the Allied air force, the Mediterranean Allied coastal air force and the U. S. army.

NEW WHEAT RECORD LOOMS FOR NATION

Minneapolis, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Cargill, Inc., one of the nation's biggest grain firms reported in its crop bulletin today that the United States is on the verge of an all-time record in wheat production.

It predicted that the government report, scheduled Thursday, will show a small decline in the wheat crop, but not enough to prevent the new mark.

ALLIES PRESSING FURIOUS ATTACKS AS NAZIS BREAK

U. S. Columns Roll Swiftly Ahead 25 Miles After Capture Important Le Mans

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Canadian shock troops broke through the first and second German defense lines more than 15 miles below Caen today while American armored columns to the southeast stormed up beyond captured Le Mans in a surge that the Nazi radio said had carried to within 87 miles of Paris.

The two main enemy defense lines covering Paris had been breached in a day of furious allied attack and the Americans and Canadians were pressing their twin break through to the full.

Nazi Lines Break
The Nazis' Sarthe river line, their strongest natural barrier on the southwestern approaches to Paris, broke wide open with the fall of Le Mans and a front dispatch from United Press War Correspondent Ronald Clark said German resistance below Caen was cracking under the blows of the Canadian first army.

German reserves were reported streaming to the American front in a desperate attempt to stem the wave of tanks and rifleman closing on the French capital, but front dispatches said the Yankee columns were rolling ahead at a pace almost rivaling that of peacetime maneuvers.

The German radio said advanced American elements were some 87 miles from Paris in the Le Mans sector, indicating that the eastward drive of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's armor had penetrated about 25 miles beyond Le Mans.

Le Mans Easy
Le Mans, an industrial city and five-way railroad junction on the Sarthe river 112 miles southeast of Paris, was taken almost without a fight by tank forces that broke into the city before the hard-pressed Nazis had time to organize its defenses.

There was nothing to indicate any serious obstacles in the path of the Paris-bound Americans, but headquarters spokesmen said they were moving cautiously pending destruction of the enemy pocket of resistance at the hinge of the American and British lines east of Avranches.

The German attempt to sever the allied lines at that point appeared to have been frustrated, however, after two days of bitter fighting that cost the counterattacking Nazis about 200 tanks destroyed or damaged.

On the Canadian assault front, the Dominion troops deepened their breakthrough by another five to six miles and captured "Bald Pate Ridge" near Potigny, about five miles north of Falaise.

Allied artillery already had brought Falaise under fire and the fall of that ancient Norman town, birthplace of William the Conqueror, apparently could not be long delayed.

In less than two days of fighting the Canadians had broken the first two German defense lines before Falaise and Clark's dispatch said the Nazis were surrendering in increasing numbers.

"For the first time the allies have cracked into a major German defense without the usual determined casualty-making resistance, and for the first time it appears that there is a substantial inability to ward off our blows," Clark wrote. "There is an increasing number of prisoners and an increasing resignation among troops who know they have 'had it.'"

Mother-in-Law's Picture Alibi In Alimony Relief

Washington, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Harrison Bates, 48-year-old former war production board official, today filed his mother-in-law's picture as an exhibit in connection with his district court plea to be relieved of paying alimony.

The mother-in-law is Mrs. Jessie W. Nicholson of Chevy Chase, Md., former prohibition crusader.

Bates' motion read: "It may be if the court will observe exhibit E (the photograph), in connection with the composition of exhibit D (a letter by Mrs. Nicholson), that the court may be able to properly conclude that the defendant never was able to make a success of his marriage."

Warm Welcome by French Delays Yanks Taking Town

By Henry T. Gorrell
UP War Correspondent

Laval, France, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—"If it hadn't been for the mob of celebrating French—including some of the prettiest girls I've ever seen—we'd have captured Laval far sooner than we did," Capt. Charles Freeman, Hackensack, N. J., asserted today.

He was speaking for his chief, Maj. Joseph Novellino, Pateron, N. J., who was busy at the moment directing final mopping up actions against the still-resisting German rearguard.

"With bullets flying in all directions and with German staff cars racing around in an effort to get away from the crowds, the French refused to get off the streets, rushing out with American, French and British flags, anxious to kiss and hug the liberating infantry," Freeman said.

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"German officers deserted their men, who because of the crowds were unable to get away on foot, although they ran like hell with their tongues dragging out."

Freeman said the several hundred prisoners taken apparently were of top caliber—young, husky, and wearing brand new uniforms.

He said our forces captured a big-time French collaborator named Milon, responsible, according to the French patriots, for sending thousands of French to German labor camps.

A special cordon of troops had to be thrown around "this little scared rabbit of a man" to protect him from vengeful crowds who strove to string him up immediately, Freeman said. He was handed over to French police.