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PATTON RACES FOR REICH LINE

CROSS AISNE IN SPEEDY DASH TO NAZIS FRONTIER

Swift Advance Over Historic Ground; Opposition Feeble as Climax Nears.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—A rampaging American tank army swept triumphantly across the battlefields of World War I today, broke through the Marne and Aisne river lines and captured historic Soissons and Chateau-Thierry in a mile-an-hour drive on Belgium and the German frontier.

Racing more than 40 miles east and northeast across fields and farmlands where the AEF of 1918 fought and won the bloodiest battles in American military history, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. 3rd army troops collapsed the entire Marne line almost without opposition and plunged on across the Aisne at Soissons.

The enemy fought hard for the Aisne river crossing, but was ridden down and dispersed by Patton's wild-riding armor.

Soissons, where the Americans launched their great counter-offensive in July, 1918, fell to a fast-moving tank and infantry column that burst across the Marne west of Chateau-Thierry, drove through Belleau Wood and Chateau-Thierry, and then swung 22 miles north to the Aisne.

On their right flank, other American armored units swept eastward along the valley of the Marne, driving 15 miles beyond captured Chateau-Thierry, to within two miles of Epernay. A supporting column drove along the south bank of the Marne and crossed the river at two points southeast of Chalons, 18½ miles beyond Epernay, and unofficial reports said the Yanks also had broken into the vital railway hub of Virey-le Franc, 18 miles southeast of Chalons.

Headquarters spokesmen indicated that the tide of American tanks, troops and guns was sweeping on beyond Soissons and Chalons in a bid to collapse the entire Nazi defense position in northwest France.

Barely 25 miles beyond Chalons, which the Germans said Patton's men had entered, lay the forest of the Argonne, and the Alsace-Lorraine invasion beyond that historic Verdun and road to Germany.

Headquarters announced the German armies of northern France had lost 122,000 killed and captured in their disastrous defeat in Normandy, and it was indicated that the enemy had nothing left to make a stand short of the Siegfried line, on the Franco-German border.

Patton's troops were speeding through the broken enemy defenses as swiftly as on peacetime maneuvers, with their rate of advance apparently only checked by the mobility of their supply columns.

Berlin commentators said Patton had thrown three army corps, totaling 10 divisions—possibly 150,000 men—into the breakthrough north of the Marne, with another three divisions heading eastward from Troyes toward Alsace-Lorraine and the Saar valley.

As the American 3rd army struck, British, Canadian, and American units north of Paris surged across the Seine bridgeheads, brought the river port of Rouen under rifle fire and sent their tank columns stabbing northward for the robot bomb coast.

The Vernon and Mantes bridgeheads were linked up, giving the allies a solid 30-mile foothold on the northeast bank of the Seine, and headquarters said armored spearheads had been pushed out 11 miles beyond the river to Cantier.

Hundreds of allied warplanes swarmed out through a driving rainstorm to bomb and machine gun the fleeing enemy all along the 200-mile front from the Seine estuary to the Troyes area, and preliminary reports said they spread terrific destruction through the Nazi troop and supply columns.

New York, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Domestic corporate bonds worked irregularly lower today.

Quadruplets Born to Private's Wife



Mrs. Charles E. Lee, wife of an Army private, looks at one of the four baby boys born to her in Gainesville, Ga., hospital. The quadruplets, weighing approximately three pounds each, are kept in the oxygenated incubators shown at left, are reported healthy and normal.

Gainesville, Ga., Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—The second of the Lee boy quadruplets born at Hall County hospital Sunday died today, but hospital attendants said condition of the other two incubator babies was satisfactory.

The father, Pvt. Charles E. Lee, 25, was due to arrive today on emergency furlough from Camp Blanding, Fla., to see his 23-year-old wife, Mabel Lawson Lee.

The first quad died last night. The first born, it was the weakest of the three-pound babies and had been given special treatment.

ELK CREEK FIRE BURNS OVER 100 TIMBERED ACRES

Largest fire of the season is burning on a privately owned tract of land on Elk Creek, according to the Rogue River National Forest service. The blaze burned over about 100 acres of timbered land before the suppression crew of 100 loggers, ranchers and forest service men controlled it during the night. This morning a crew of 30 experienced fallers went to work clearing out snags at the edge of the tract in order to keep the fire from spreading.

The fire was discovered about 4 p. m. yesterday and is thought to have started from tractor logging operations in the district. Its rapid spread was due to the fact that logging operators have been unable to burn the slash and underbrush in recent weeks, forest officials reported. At the forest service office it was pointed out that a carelessly set forest fire in this instance is not only burning valuable timber but has also slowed down logging operations over a wide district while the logging crews fight fire.

NAZIS WITHDRAW FROM EAST SIDE OF ITALIAN LINE

Rome, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—German forces on the eastern side of Italy appeared to have made a general withdrawal northward today as British 8th army patrols found extensive areas in the southern Apennines undefended and Polish troops in the Adriatic sector crossed the Arzilia river to Montecitorio only three miles from the enemy's heavily fortified Gothic line.

Allied reconnaissance units probing northward found no signs of the enemy in the area between Aqualagna and Urbino, eight miles north, or at Rufina, five miles northeast of Pontassieve, front dispatches reported. The Polish forces, meanwhile, have cleared the whole south bank of the Arzilia river and have sent lancers in to occupy Monte Giove, three miles southwest of the Adriatic coastal town of Fano, as well as Carignano, two miles northeast of Monte Della Forche, which was taken two days ago.

New York, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to four points higher today.

This Is Politics

Columbus, O., Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—State Auditor Joseph T. Ferguson today charged Gov. John W. Bricker with "deliberately trying to prevent an honest election" and said that he would obtain a mandamus action from the Ohio supreme court and the federal court to compel the secretary of state to send a black lead pencil with every soldier ballot mailed out.

The black lead pencil issue arose several weeks ago. Election laws provide that Ohio ballots must be marked with black lead pencil in order to be valid. Special soldier voting legislation did not amend that provision.

GERMAN OFFENSE POWER IN SOUTH FRANCE STALLED

Rome, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—German resistance from Montellimar down through the Rhone valley 77 miles southward to the sea ended save in isolated pockets today as French forces drove across the Rhone river to capture the ancient city of Nimes and pressed on toward the Spanish border.

While the 7th army troops cleared the Rhone valley and pushed out north and to the southwest, the United Nations radio at Algiers said fighting in southern France had reached the "final stages," and that "there is no front and no line."

American troops of the 7th army entered Montellimar, 80 miles south of Lyon, near which the battered German 19th army has been entrapped for more than a week. Leaving behind units to mop up the Germans in Montellimar, the Americans drove on five miles northeast to Sauzet.

EX-SEN. NORRIS IS SERIOUSLY ILL

McCook, Neb., Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—George W. Norris, 83-year-old former senator from Nebraska, was unconscious today after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage, according to Dr. E. F. Leininger, his personal physician.

Dr. Leininger said Norris was resting comfortably but refused to give details.

Two daughters in Washington, D. C., and one in Los Angeles have been called home, it was reported.

YANKEE BOMBERS HIT YUGOSLOVIA; TOULON IN RUIN

London, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Approximately 750 American heavy bombers from Italy bombed enemy targets in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia today, while other Allied warplanes from Great Britain flew through rainstorms to pound German transport lines from the Seine to the Reich border.

Objectives of the Italy-based fleet also included the Tatisana bridge over the Tagliamento river between Trieste and Venice, and bridges at Borovnica and Salcano in Yugoslavia.

A survey disclosed today, Rome dispatches said, that American bombers, with the help of some British and French air units, had achieved the destruction of Toulon, France's greatest naval base, before its capture by ground forces.

An estimated 3,000 tons of bombs rained down on the port by the Allied bombers, with demolitions carried out by the Germans, left little of value in the way of harbor installations, the survey showed. The wreckage of scores of ships of all sizes dot the harbor, including the battleship Strasbourg and the cruisers Provence, Condorcet and Marsella. At least 10 submarines were sunk at their moorings and all submarine pens were destroyed, the survey showed.

COMMITTEE ACTS TO END SHOTGUN MARKET SCANDAL

Washington, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Chairman A. Willis Robertson, D. Va., of the house committee on conservation of wild life, said today that an adequate number of rifle cartridges and more than 450,000 standard gauge shotgun shells would be available for hunters this fall.

He issued a statement which said the shells would be distributed through regular commercial channels and should supply retail dealers with 62 per cent of their purchases in 1941, the last year of full production for civilian use.

Robertson said retailers would be allowed to sell 100 shells to each buyer under price ceilings and that "everyone hopes that the black market scandal which characterized the distribution of shotgun shells in 1943 can be avoided." No shells may be sold for skeet and trap shooting, he said.

POWERS AGREE ON 3 BROAD PLANKS WORLD SECURITY

General Outline Is Identical With F. D. R. Proposals; China Talks Later.

Washington, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—The chairmen of the American, British and Soviet delegations at the Dumbarton Oaks conference announced today they have reached general agreement on three broad principles for a proposed international organization for peace and security.

At a special press conference in the mansion of the Dumbarton Oaks estate, they announced that a future world organization should provide for:

"1. An assembly composed of representatives of all peace-loving nations based on the principle of sovereign equality.

"2. A council composed of a smaller number of members in which the principle states will be joined by a number of other states to be elected periodically.

"3. Effective means for the peaceful settlement of disputes, including an international court of justice for the adjudication of justiciable questions, and also the application of such other means as may be necessary for maintenance of peace and security."

This general outline of a future world organization was almost identical with that proposed by President Roosevelt on June 15. Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British chairman, announced upon his arrival here two weeks ago that there was nothing in the Roosevelt statement to which his government would take exception.

Today's statement, in effect, added the approval of the Russian government, represented at this conference by a delegation headed by Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko.

In a separate statement, the American chairman, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., described the reasons for secrecy which previously had been thrown around the tripartite discussions at Dumbarton Oaks.

He pointed out that conversations with the Chinese will follow the current conference and promised that "before any binding commitments are made there will be full opportunity for public discussion."

DEWEY TALKS IN PORTLAND SEPT. 18

Portland, Ore., Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Republican National Committeeman Ralph C. Cake of Oregon has reserved the Portland municipal auditorium for a major campaign speech by Nominee Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for Sept. 18, Portland party officials confirmed today.

Inquiry has been made about using the outdoor Multnomah stadium and the speech is expected to be broadcast nationally, it was learned. Dewey speaks in Seattle, Wash., on the preceding night, after visiting in northern Idaho and Spokane, Wash. He is scheduled to leave for California Sept. 20.

BASEBALL

American (First Game)	
Boston	8 17 1
New York	1 6 0
Dreisewerd and Conroy; Donald, Zuber, Turner and Garbarik	
Chicago	0 9 2
Detroit	7 13 1
Dietrich, Wade and Tresh; Trout and Swift.	
National	
Philadelphia	1 6 0
Brooklyn	2 9 2
Schanz and Peacock; Gregg and Owen.	

LABOR BALKS AT PAC'S DRIVE FOR TERM FOUR CASH

GOP Chairman Raps Hillman Plan—Says All F.R. Talks Now Political.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Herbert Brownell, republican national chairman, said today that "it is significant that the first recognition of the Hillman-Brownell pact comes from within the ranks of labor" and claimed organized labor is rebelling against attempts of the political action committee to raise campaign funds to elect President Roosevelt for a fourth term.

Brownell said that a steel workers union at Gary, Ind., has rebelled against a PAC order assessing each member \$1 for a fund to be used in the national campaign.

"Sidney Hillman's honeyed testimony before the house committee investigating campaign expenditures yesterday, can not veneer the fact that his PAC is striving for and getting a stranglehold on the New Deal party," Brownell said.

"Mr. Hillman will not voice a truer statement in this campaign than when he told the committee yesterday: 'We seek to influence thinking, the program and the choice of candidates.'"

Brownell said that he believes every American citizen has a right to contribute to a fund for the party of his choice, but that it is wrong for him to be forced to contribute to a party for which he does not intend to vote.

Brownell said the republican national committee has received no reply to its second request to the radio broadcasting companies for free time on the air to answer every speech President Roosevelt makes before the election.

"Every single speech the president makes between now and election day will be political," Brownell declared. "Since the day he was nominated at the convention, he must be regarded as a campaigner and is striving to be re-elected to office. It would be unfair to give one political candidate free time on the radio and deny it to another."

WALLACE CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT UNDER MAGNOLIA

Washington, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace conferred with President Roosevelt today for the first time since the democratic national convention rejected Wallace's bid for renomination.

The vice-president told reporters the meeting was primarily a social luncheon with the Roosevelt family, rather than a political conference.

Lunching with the president and Wallace under a magnolia tree on the south lawn of the White House grounds were the president's daughter, Mrs. John Boettiger, and two of her children, Anna Eleanor and Curtis, and Miss Margaret Suckley, of Hyde Park, N. Y., a cousin of the president. Mrs. Roosevelt sat with the group a short time.

Wallace said he talked primarily with Mr. Roosevelt about his recent trips into New England, Texas and Georgia, reporting on his talks with "a great many mayors" about the problems to be faced with returning servicemen and displaced war workers.

He was asked about reports that he planned to trail Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the republican presidential nominee, who leaves shortly for a campaign swing to the west coast. Wallace said he had not heard of such a plan, then added as an after-thought, "Why trail?" He said he planned some campaign speeches but that no schedule had yet been drawn up.

War Bulletins

Le Bourget Airdrome, Paris, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—The charred hangars and bomb-pocked runways of the great airport where Charles A. Lindbergh completed his transatlantic flight in 1927 are ours today after a suicidal stand by the German garrison in which more than 200 were mowed down and 150 captured by a French armored detachment.

London, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Two Thunderbolt pilots reported today that they encountered a German ME-262 jet-propelled fighter near the German border during an attack yesterday on enemy transport lines in northern France, although no further details were given.

Chungking, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Japanese forces are counterattacking against Chinese gaged in diversionary assaults units which have been engaged at more than a score of points along enemy supply lines in the Ichang-Tangyang sectors of Hupeh province, a Chinese communique reported today.

REDS IN DENIAL NEUTRALITY FOR BULGARS OKAYED

Russians Enter Transylvania and Capture Brectu Near Constanza.

London, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—The Soviet Third Ukrainian army, operating in conjunction with the Russian Black Sea fleet, has captured the Romanian port of Constanza, radio Moscow announced tonight.

London, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—The Soviet government has denied "rumors being published in the foreign press" that it has recognized and approved the neutrality of the Bulgarian government, radio Moscow said tonight.

London, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Russian forces have broken into Hungarian-occupied Transylvania at two points and, to the south, have captured Buzau, only 40 miles from the great Romanian oil center of Ploesti and 57 miles from Bucharest, German broadcasts conceded today.

The German Transocean Agency, quoting a Nazi military commentator, said that Soviet troops and tanks had swept across the Transylvanian border after bursting through the Oltuz and Ghimes passes, 27 miles apart in the Carpathian mountains north of Brectu.

The Russians already had announced the capture of Brectu, nine miles across the border, in an advance through the Oltuz pass, but latest Soviet reports had placed the Red army still 13 miles east of Ghimes pass, north of Brectu.

The fall of Buzau on the Cernauti-Ploesti trunk railway, cut the oil pipe line running from Ploesti to the Black Sea port of Constanza, depriving German warcraft and transports in the Black Sea of their main source of fuel.

Moscow dispatches said other Soviet artillery, tanks and infantry were streaming south from newly-captured Tulcea on the Danube toward Constanza itself, the last sizable Black Sea port in German hands.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Mildred Meyers frantically packing household belongings and hoping to procure transportation to Walla Walla to join Hubby Dick.

Joe Earley receiving a big box of candy in payment for winning a wager.

GERMANY BEATEN, HOPES FOR BEST IN PEACE TERMS

Expert Admits Cause Is Hopeless; Fight On To Break Will Of Allies.

London, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—Lieut. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, official Berlin radio commentator, told the German people tonight they face a future of desperate fighting solely for the purpose of trying to force the best possible peace terms from the Allies and not with any hope of victory.

The line Germany must take, Dittmar said, was aimed at "breaking the enemy's will to destroy us," adding that would be achieved only by fighting until a point was reached where the Allied peoples would feel that further sacrifices to achieve a complete defeat of the Reich were useless.

Dittmar's admission of the hopelessness of the Nazi situation was preceded by one of the darkest reviews of the war ever presented to the German nation. Dittmar prefaced his admission with probably the gloomiest war review that his German audience have yet heard from their home radio.

He acknowledged the extent of the Allied victories in northern France, and then broached the question of a "deal" with the Allies.

"One thing is certain," he said; "we continue in the enormous struggle. We must continue as long as our enemies are maintaining their war aims and as long as reason does not substitute for the desire for destruction."

Dittmar said the fighting in northern France reminded him of 1940, except that it was running in the opposite direction.

"The development of the situation in the past few weeks may have given rise to the hope among our enemies that their aim of Germany's military defeat is nearer than about three months ago," he said.

"The course of events seems in fact to support, to a large extent, their opinion. We do not hide from the German people the seriousness of the situation at the present moment."

GOP CAMPAIGN ON AIR 7:15 TONIGHT

New York, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—The republican party's presidential campaign moved into full swing today, with three governors scheduled to broadcast tonight and three more on Friday night on coast to coast radio networks in behalf of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Governor Earl Warren of California, Dwight H. Green of Illinois and Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut will address the nation tonight at 10:15 p. m. (EWT) (7:15 local time) over the blue network. On Friday night, Governors Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, Andrew Schoepel of Kansas and Edward J. Thye of Minnesota will speak over the National Broadcasting Co. network at 10:30 p. m. (EWT).

PUBLIC DEBT AT RECORD HEIGHT

Washington, Aug. 29.—(U.P.)—The public debt exceeded \$211,000,000,000 today, rising to the highest level in history. This was an increase of more than \$63,000,000,000 in the past year. Total spending of \$14,000,000,000 thus far in the fiscal year which began July 1 was more than \$1,000,000,000 in excess of spending in the comparable period last year. War spending, the treasury reported, totals \$13,568,000,000 since July 1, about \$751,000,000 more than in a similar period last year.