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YANK TANK ARMIES UNCHECKED

LAON, REIMS FALL IN SWIFT DRIVE, ROUEN GIVEN UP

Belgium and Reich Borders Near—Allies Link Seine Bridgeheads.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Two American tank armies, racing unchallenged over the last miles of the invasion roads to Germany and Belgium, stormed into Laon and the cathedral city of Reims today, while Berlin admitted that its troops had abandoned the medieval town of Rouen guarding the robot bomb coast of northern France.

Powerful armored spearheads of the American 1st and 3rd armies punctured the Aisne river line at least two points and were reported fanning out over the rolling farmlands beyond Reims, Laon and Chalons-sur-Marne.

Only scattered and disorganized Nazi rear guards barred the path of the American armor in their sweep for the Rhineland, and official reports indicated the Yanks were moving at a speed that could carry them to the Belgian border within a day or two.

"We are now witnessing the preliminary phase of the Allied advance on Germany in which the enemy forces are being methodically dissected and forced into isolated corridors, even as we press onward," United Press War Correspondent Henry T. Gorrell said in reporting the sensational sweep of the armies through the Aisne and Marne valleys.

American riflemen poured swiftly through the breaches created by their plunging tank spearheads while swarms of Allied warplanes ranged before them to bomb and strafe the retreating enemy.

Simultaneously, British, American and Canadian forces linked their bridgeheads across the Seine above Paris into a solid 50-mile front and swung forward 25 miles beyond the Seine to drive an armored wedge between Rouen and Beauvais.

The Allies, smashing directly at Amiens and the heart of the bases from which German robot bombs have been showering down on London, captured Neufmarche, 25 miles east of Rouen and 15 miles west of Beauvais.

On the American 1st and 3rd army fronts east of Paris, however, official and enemy reports agreed that the twin American offensives were making spectacular strides over battle grounds where hundreds of thousands of men fought and died in 1918 and take and hold a few yards along the Marne and Aisne rivers.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army tanks and riflemen drove across the Marne at Epervan, pushed 13 miles northward to Reims and then swept on more than 10 miles beyond that historic town to cross the Aisne at Neufmarche.

Simultaneously, Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' 1st army veterans stormed up from captured Soissons, across the Chemin Des Dames, one of the bloodiest battlefields of World War I, and on into Laon, 12 miles above the Aisne. Unofficial but apparently correct reports said Laon was captured and that the Yanks had driven on beyond the city.

New York, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Cotton futures opened 2 to 7 points lower today.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ernest Litster renewing acquaintances and his Mail Tribune subscription.

Charlie Clay, Sr., parading Grandson Charles up and down the street well-fortified with ice cream cones.

Robert Church conscientiously performing the duties of Kiwanis club reporter.

Anna Gilbert offering to swap information with a reporter.

Yanks in Great Breakthrough!



American armored forces surge across Marne and Aisne rivers in swift advance towards Belgium and German frontiers, capturing Soissons, 84 miles from the Belgian border and historic Chateau-Thierry. Other forces press against robot coast defenses, while in south France make two more crossings of the River Rhone and head for Spanish border.

AMERICANS DRIVE 19TH NAZI ARMY UP RHONE VALLEY

Foe Caught In Heavy Fire At River Junction; Convoy Ripped.

Rome, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—American troops, driving the remnants of the German 19th army up the Rhone valley, crossed the Drome river today and slashed their way 10 miles northward to Chabeuil, six miles due east of the Rhone river town of Valence and 59 miles south of Lyon.

The Americans continued to inflict "further severe casualties," a late communique announced, on German forces pinned into a triangle formed by the two converging rivers and other American troops driving northward from newly-captured Montelimar.

The spearhead thrown across the Drome encountered stiffening German resistance and fierce fighting was in progress in the vicinity of Chabeuil, the communique announced. Mobile guns accompanying the spearhead were able, however, to maneuver westward and snipe at a three-mile long enemy convoy along highway seven in that sector.

The highway was strewn with wreckage of the convoy, estimated to have contained 200 motor vehicles, 75 horse-drawn carts and a large number of horse-drawn artillery. The Germans had fled across the Drome river on pontoon bridges in the race northward to the road junction of Valence.

Resistance was being overcome, meanwhile, at Sauzet and Loriol, both within the triangle into which the Germans were being compressed. Headquarters described the fighting at Loriol as "particularly severe."

G.I. Vote Too Small To Swing Election

Washington, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), said today that he believed "the soldier vote would not be sizable enough to swing the November election either way."

He made the statement to a press conference 24 hours after returning to the capital from a tour of French battlefields together with other labor leaders. Thomas said the army has placards prominently posted throughout the battle area advising soldiers of their voting privileges and that many of the men demonstrated interest in the election.

NAVY SUBS SINK 17 JAP VESSELS, GAND TOTAL 723

Washington, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—U. S. submarines have sunk 17 more Japanese ships, including two destroyers, in Pacific and far eastern waters, the navy announced today.

Maintaining their stepped up war of attrition against the Japanese supply fleet, the American undersea craft have accounted for 52 enemy vessels announced as sunk this month.

In addition to the destroyers, the newest bag included six cargo transports, two tankers and seven cargo vessels, the navy said. This brought to 723 the number of Japanese ships sunk by American submarines.

Of the vessels sunk, 58 have been warships.

GREAT EXPLOSION SHAKES ENGLAND

Folkestone, England, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—The greatest explosion of the war was set off on the French rocket coast last night and the British wondered today if the Nazis had made an abortive attempt to launch their new V-2 rocket bomb.

The detonation was accompanied by a tremendous rushing noise. Houses on the English coast were shaken, crockery was sent skidding across floors and a few windows were broken. There never had been anything comparable heard in this area. The explosion seemed like an earthquake.

LONE RANGER OF MOVIES IS DEAD

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Lone Ranger of the movies, Sgt. Lee Powell, 35, was killed in action in the south Pacific while fighting with the marines, the navy announced today.

Powell, a veteran of Tarawa and Saipan, was a former track and football star at Long Beach Junior college and the University of Montana.

Wearing a red silk mask and riding the famed "Silver," Powell appeared in 15-episode serials during 1938 and 1939.

New York, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—The listed bond market advanced today under lead of selected foreign dollar issues.

GOV. DEWEY WILL START NATIONAL TOUR ON SEPT. 7

Seven Major Addresses Are Scheduled; Will Speak in Coast Cities.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican presidential candidate, will make his first campaign swing around the country next month with a 6,700-mile coast-to-coast tour during which he will make seven major addresses and confer with party leaders. Chairman Herbert Brownell, Jr., of the GOP national committee announced today.

Dewey's tour, which includes a visit with his mother at his home town of Owosso, Mich., will begin at Philadelphia Sept. 7 where he will make a nationwide radio address, his first since he accepted the nomination at Chicago two months ago, and will end with his return to Albany Sept. 28.

During his tour, which will cover 21 states, the GOP nominee will deliver major campaign speeches at Louisville, Seattle, Portland, Ore.; San Francisco, Los Angeles and Oklahoma City in addition to the one at Philadelphia. All will be carried nationally by radio networks.

In addition to his addresses, Brownell said Dewey will confer with Republican governors as well as industrial, agricultural and other groups during stops in ten states. The entire trip will be made by train.

The party will arrive at Seattle Monday, Sept. 18, where Dewey will make his first address from the Pacific coast that night.

Dewey will speak from Portland the following night and then will go to San Francisco for another address Sept. 21. The following night he will speak from Los Angeles and then will go directly to Oklahoma City for an address there Monday, Sept. 25.

From Oklahoma City, Dewey will return directly to Albany, N. J., ending his tour there Sept. 28.

LOGGING HALTED IN ROGUE TIMBER

Logging operations on national forest timber in the Union Creek district are temporarily suspended due to bad fire conditions according to Karl Janouch, superintendent of the Rogue River National Forest service. High temperatures, accompanied by low humidity conditions, has resulted in a dangerous situation as far as the forest is concerned, Janouch stated. At the office of the state fire patrol it was stated that logging on state protected land would continue as usual.

The fire burning on Elk Creek since Monday afternoon spread about a quarter-mile yesterday afternoon but is again under control, it was reported this noon. Some 125 acres have now been burned over by the blaze.

REPORT GESTAPO CHECKS GOERING

Stockholm, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—A usually reliable informant today confirmed recent reports that Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering is under surveillance by the Gestapo and his freedom of movement has been restricted as an aftermath of the unsuccessful army plot against Adolf Hitler. (A Blue network broadcast from Stockholm said Goering fell out of favor with Hitler because of his attempt to "hush up" the anti-Nazi plot and the fuhrer himself ordered his arrest.)

HUNS PREPARE TO USE POISON GAS AND NEW WEAPON

Sweden Reports Germany Cheered By Propaganda Promises.

London, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Germany is believed preparing to use poison gas on a mass scale, the London Daily Mail said today, and Swedish press dispatches reported that the Nazis are boasting of a new mystery weapon which they assert will win the war for Hitler within the next six months.

The Daily Mail reported that the Germans plan to use poison gas in the hope of winning a negotiated peace, but the Swedish accounts indicated that Berlin propagandists now are assuring their people that complete and early victory is certain.

The Stockholm Dagens Nyheter and the Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau reported that word of the German mystery weapon was splashed across the front pages of Berlin's newspapers this morning.

"German victory is not only certain but near," one Nazi headline proclaimed, adding that the German people and their armies must only hold out until autumn, when the new weapon will be unveiled.

The unexpected burst of Nazi optimism, which Swedish and other observers regarded merely as strong propaganda, was inspired by an article written by Joachim Fernau, a front correspondent of the Waffen Elite Guards.

Fernau gave no details of the alleged secret weapon, but he intimated that it would be a refinement of the robot bombs—presumably the long-heralded "V-2" reprisal weapon.

NAZI ROBOT AREA, BERLIN, 2 BALTIC PORTS LAMBASTED

London, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Hundreds of escorted American Flying Fortresses and Liberators hammered the Nazi robot bomb launching sites in the Pas De Calais today, soon after an estimated 1000 British night bombers returned from a heavy attack on Germany ranging from Berlin to the big Baltic ports of Stettin and Koenigsberg.

Low-hanging clouds partially obscured the flying bomb bases in northern France, but the American bombers hit the targets by instrument.

The attacks at the Pas De Calais were the opening phase of today's continuation of the intense Allied aerial offensive, which the RAF's bomber command carried through the night in the attacks on Germany.

Four-engine Lancaster bombers, striking in direct support of Russian troops on the eastern front, unloaded more than 1300 tons of high explosives and incendiaries on Stettin, stoking vast fires that sent smoke soaring 26,000 feet into the air.

While the heavy bombers were concentrated on the two ports, Mosquitoes dumped two-ton blockbusters on Berlin and high explosives and incendiaries on the wreckage of Hamburg.

BASEBALL

New York National 2 5 1
 Boston 4 7 0
 Pyle, Adams and Lombardi; Tobin and Masi.
 Pittsburgh 5 12 6
 Chicago 12 13 0
 Sewell, Cueurullo and Lopez; Camelli, Davis; Wyse, Lynn and Williams.
 American
 Boston 7 12 0
 New York 9 16 0
 O'Neill, Hausmann, Ryba, Woods and Parter; Borowy, Turner and Garbark.

Sans Culotte



This French collaborator, who lost his pants to an angry group of Parisians, is rescued by members of the French Forces of the interior who took him into protective custody to await trial. Signal Corps radio-telegram.

SEC'Y HULL SAYS POSSIBLE FLIGHT HIGH NAZIS EYED

Neutrals Asked Attitude On Hideaways—Negotiated Peace Feelers.

Washington, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today expressed belief that the German High Command has indicated a desire to put out "feelers for a negotiated peace," but emphasized that unconditional surrender will remain the Allies' only terms.

Hull told a news conference that the radio speech of Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar last night indicated that the Germans "are desirous of putting out peace feelers."

He also revealed that the State Department is giving constant "consideration" to the possibility that Adolf Hitler and his underlings might attempt to flee Germany and seek refuge in a neutral country.

Hull recalled the request of President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill to neutral countries to define their attitude on providing hideaways for the German leaders.

"We are not unmindful of the possibility that the Nazi dictator and his assistants might flee Germany," Hull said.

'ODIUM' OF PEARL HARBOR ON F.D.R.

Montpelier, Vt., Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Clarence Budington Kelland, Republican national committee man for Arizona, told the Vermont State Republican convention today that the "odium" of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor must attach itself to President Roosevelt as "the highest authority which permitted the condition to exist."

Kelland charged the president with allowing Pearl Harbor to "drowse and dance instead of being on the alert to repel attack," with the neglect of elementary precautions and the congregation of United States naval vessels "in a single spot... like sitting ducks."

"Why dare they not bring to trial the army and navy officers charged with the guilty responsibility for that disaster?" he asked.

HEAT, WIND SPUR FOREST HAZARDS NORTHWEST AREA

By United Press

Danger of forest fires in the Pacific northwest reached a high point today with strong east winds, low relative humidity and high temperature creating one of the worst fire hazard periods in years.

Logging and other woods operations were closing down until the danger period passes while Clare Hendee, supervisor of the Mount Hood National Forest, advised that people within the closed areas may be required to move out until weather conditions improve.

Near Wenatchee, Wash., one fire has already blackened 600 acres of grass and timber and further up the Cascades in the same area, another blaze was under control of a 15-man crew after burning 200 acres of scrub pine, hemlock and fir for a week.

At the same time Coos Bay fire patrols today were checking for forest fires which may be causing a heavy cloud of smoke which hangs over the Coos Bay area. Some observers believed, however, that a shift of wind brought the smoke from a 400-acre brush and grass fire burning stubbornly south of Charleston. Fire patrolmen reported that the fire has been kept from standing timber so far, although it has been creeping through logs and underbrush for more than a week.

At Silverton, a barn full of hay was destroyed on the A. E. Reed farm in the Evans Valley district.

In and around Portland, seven grass and brush fires were reported but they have all been brought under control.

War Bulletins

London, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—A Bulgarian peace mission arrived openly in Cairo tonight and allied sources said an armistice agreement between Bulgaria and the United Nations was expected to be signed tomorrow.

By United Press
 Tokyo radio said today the Japanese air force had started widespread night raids against Chinese bases of the American 14th air force, including Kweilin, where citizens were reportedly preparing to defend the city against a possible enemy land drive south from captured Hengyang.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Grain futures broke sharply on the Board of Trade today.

PLOESTI SOURCE NAZI OIL SUPPLY FALLS TO SOVIET

War Machine Weakened—Russians Open New Warsaw Offensive.

London, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—The German Transocean News agency reported today that four Soviet divisions had launched a "major" breakthrough offensive near Radezhin, northeast of Warsaw.

London, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Red army troops plunged through disorganized German resistance in Romania today to capture Ploesti and deprive Germany of at least one-third of her vital oil supplies, a blow expected to be felt throughout the enemy war machine within a matter of weeks.

The new Russian offensive, which began just 10 days ago and carried the Russians forward in a series of sensational advances ranging up to 70 miles in 24 hours, achieved its greatest victory with the capture of Ploesti.

It not only slammed shut the door on the major source of oil for the German Wehrmacht, but it put the Russians within easy striking distance of Bucharest, capital of Romania, only 32 miles to the south and second major objective of the offensive.

The fall of Ploesti, coming exactly 13 months after the first historic air raid on the oil center by Americans, constituted an ignominious defeat for the Germans. They put up only feeble resistance to save one of the world's great oil pools—without which experts estimate the Reich will be unable to continue mechanized warfare for any extended period.

Using only a small part of his huge forces, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky sent a column consisting principally of tanks and self-propelled guns 40 miles southward in a single day to capture Ploesti.

At least some of the oil installations in the great center were reported demolished by the fleeing Nazis.

OPA MOVE LIFTS LAMB SALE GLUT IN THREE STATES

Seattle, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—To permit immediate marketing of surplus northwest spring lambs, three regional directors of the OPA for Portland, Spokane and Seattle areas, today announced validation of spare lamb 25 in war ration book four. The OPA announcement said the stamp would be good for 49 days starting Sunday, Sept. 3, to Oct. 21.

Today's action, OPA said, permitted extra lamb purchases of approximately two pounds, by Pacific northwest residents, and applied only to the state of Washington, ten northern counties of Idaho and all of Oregon except Malheur county.

The lamb dividend, OPA said, provided livestock men with immediate markets for their surplus lambs over the entire normal shipping range for northwest soft-fleshed lambs, which would not keep for shipping, as freezing was impossible.

The action to clear up current glut of lamb on markets in the three states was announced on eve of departure for Denver of Chester Bowles, national director of the OPA.

BILL CURBS UNIONS
 Washington, Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—Sen. Dennis Chavez, D., N. M., author of a bill to establish a permanent fair employment practices commission, told a senate education and labor subcommittee today that it would "prohibit labor unions from discriminating against their fellow workers on the grounds of race, creed or color."