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ALLIES FENCE OFF WEST FRANCE

Yanks Take Luxembourg; British Drive Into Holland

LONG STRETCH OF SIEGFRIED LINE NOW UNDER FIRE

Enemy Hints Americans May Also Be in Holland — Security Blackout Veils

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—The American 1st army has captured the city of Luxembourg in a drive bringing a long stretch of the Siegfried line under artillery fire, and British troops were reported today to have smashed through the Albert and Escaut defense lines into Holland.

A Nazi radio commentator hinted that the 1st army might be storming the great Dutch fortress city of Maastricht as Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' men massed before the German frontier and laid down a crushing barrage on Aachen, stronghold anchoring the Siegfried line.

Second Army in Drive
 Field dispatches said that Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey sent a spearhead of his British second army over the Dutch border at the village of De Groote, northeast of Bourg-Leopold, in an advance of about nine miles from the first bridgehead flung across the Albert canal.

Crashing through the Escaut canal, the last Belgian barrier, the British troops plunged on a mile and a half to and over the border for what front reports described as the first penetration of Holland. The Dutch government in London reported a week ago that Breda fell in a British invasion of Holland north of the Inverp.

The enemy hint that the Americans might also be in Holland was contained in a broadcast by Ludwig Stortius, Nazi military commentator. He said "Hodges tries to drive forward his tank formations into the Aachen basin. At Maastricht, as well as near Verviers, he met stubborn German resistance."

Chiefs Confer
 Gen. Dwight E. Eisenhower was revealed to have conferred Sunday at Brussels with Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery after conferring the day before with Maj. Gen. Troy Middleton, commander of the American 8th corps at Brest.

The security blackout still obscured front operations, and news from the armies was skimpy as the allies drove through the final miles before Germany itself.

The German air force was revealed to have made a spasmodic effort to defend the reich against more than 1,000 American heavy bombers today. After a long period of relative inactivity and apparent helplessness, the Nazis sent swarms of fighters against the raiders smashing at war plants in the heart of Germany.

130 Nazis Downed
 At least 130 German fighters were reported shot down by the American fighter escort alone—a record bag for an escort, with the number downed by gunners aboard the bombers not yet tabulated.

JEFFERSON B. LINDSAY FUNERAL IS TUESDAY

Services for Jefferson B. Lindsay, who passed away at his home, 206 W. Jackson, Saturday morning at the age of 80, will be held in the Conger-Morris Chapel Tuesday morning at 10:30 with the Rev. Delbert W. Daniels officiating. Interment will be in Mt. View Cemetery, Ashland.

The Canadian Dominion Rail-way commission was established on Feb. 1, 1904.

Jailed



(Acme Telephoto)
 Mrs. Job Taylor, 24, descendant of two U. S. Presidents, held without bail in Riverhead, N. Y., jail, charged with stealing \$37,000 in jewels from friends at house parties.

M-T OFFICE OPEN LATE TONIGHT FOR BARGAIN WIND-UP

Bargain days for the Medford Mail Tribune will be concluded tonight at 10 o'clock when subscribers have their last opportunity to make a saving of \$1.50 on yearly subscriptions, either by mail or carrier. Gerald T. Latham, mail circulation manager, reminded Jackson county residents today.

He explained that it is necessary for subscribers to call personally and make their payment either by check or cash, or send in money by mail or pay the carrier. Telephoned subscriptions or renewals will not be accepted. Rates are \$7.50 per year by carrier or \$6.00 by mail for residents living in Jackson, Josephine or Siskiyou counties. All other subscriptions by mail are \$7.50 per year.

Latham pointed out that besides making a 17 per cent saving on subscriptions for a year, by taking advantage of the bargain rates, inconvenience is saved both subscriber and carrier, doing away with house calls for subscription money, writing of receipts and considerable book work. The carrier's earnings are the same, it was explained, either when subscribers pay in advance by the year or by the month.

Mailed renewals or subscriptions postmarked Sept. 11 will also be accepted.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Lucille Bailey keeping fellow fruit-plant workers in stitches of laughter with her wit.

Ole Alenderfer and Everett Brayton leaving no doubt in anybody's mind as to their political affiliations.

Henry Zacharisen gleeful over a bond sale report which shows Jackson county at the top and neighboring counties way down on the list.

Ray Frieble luring unprotected little fishes out of the Rogue with the aid of a wicked fishline and dark glasses.

Europe's longest river is the Volga, 2300 miles long.

LOGGING HALTED IN NORTH OREGON BY FIRE THREAT

State Forester Says Woods Now "Tinder Boxes" — Existing Fires Controlled

Salem, Ore., Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—State Forester Nels S. Rogers announced today that he had closed all logging operations west of the Cascades and north of Douglas county due to fire hazard.

He said that due to the protracted drought and intense heat, Oregon forests had become "tinder boxes," and the situation was the "worst in his long experience."

Fires Controlled
 All fires now burning in Oregon were under control to the extent that lines have been built around them," but extra patrolmen have been added to the protection forces to deal with "flare-ups," Rogers said.

The largest blaze reported in the state covered about 1,000 acres in Walla Walla county north of the town of Walla Walla. Three fires were reported in Douglas county, one near Dillard, one on Canyon Creek and another near Elkton.

Near Remote, Coos county, another fire covered 700 acres.

The state forester's statement was echoed here by both A. D. McReynolds of the state forest service and Karl Janouch, superintendent of the Rogue River National Forest service. The local situation was described as dangerous and everyone, in town, country and forest sections is urged to use extreme caution with fire of any sort. A record-breaking heat wave, coupled with record-breaking low humidity, has resulted in the serious condition, it was said.

This district has been free of forest fires until this morning, when a small fire was reported in the Blue canyon district in the Rogue River forest. Blue canyon is on the Cascade divide and much frequented by fishermen. A five-man suppression crew was sent from Butte Falls.

Failure to include the south-west Oregon forest section in the closure order is due to the fact that McReynolds and Janouch are of the opinion that it is safer to keep the men in the woods, where they are immediately available for fire control work, than to have them scattered. "We have faith in the operators and loggers of this district to use every precaution and to cooperate by sending men to control any fire as soon as it breaks out," Janouch declared. "As long as these cooperative conditions prevail, we believe it is a safer plan to allow operations to continue and to keep the crews in the forest sections."

California fires are so bad that four experienced fire control men were loaned to Trinity National Forest this morning by the Rogue River service. Janouch stated that four men, Jack Sauter of the Medford office, Glen Young, Union Creek, Daid Thompson, Butte Falls and "Slim" Dowell, Applegate, left this morning in answer to an emergency request. They were flown to Redding by a marine pilot and from there will be sent out to the forest, west of Redding, by truck.

McReynolds stated that average humidity for Oregon yesterday was only eight per cent, one of the lowest figures ever recorded and that in this region it has been very low for several days past.

Gold was discovered in the Fraser River valley in Canada in February, 1858.

TO BERLIN By United Press

The shortest distances to Berlin from advanced Allied lines today:
 Western front—335 miles (from point east of Breda in Netherlands. Gain of 35 miles in week.)
 Southern France—425 miles (from point southeast of Belfort. Gain of 115 miles in week.)

NAZIS ABANDON FORTRESS CITY IN RED PATHWAY

London, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Berlin said today that German troops had evacuated Krosno, fortress city in southern Poland guarding the way to Germany and Czechoslovakia, in the area of which the Nazis said Saturday the Russians had opened a powerful offensive.

German acknowledgement of the loss of Krosno, 84 miles east of Krakow, came as the red army drove deep into the mountain passes covering the Hungarian plains from the east and south in an effort to knock out Germany's last remaining satellite.

Ernest von Hammer, Nazi military commentator, said Krosno was evacuated last night. Two days ago Berlin broadcasts said the Russians had lashed out in a drive on the front between Krosno and Rzemysl, 46 miles to the east.

The reported offensive, not yet confirmed by Moscow, apparently had the twin aim of opening the way to Krakow and German Silesia beyond, and at the same time hurdling the Carpathians into Hungary in concert with the Balkan drive to the south.

JACKSON CO. TOPS IN AUGUST BONDS

Jackson county ranked at the top of all Oregon counties in point of August war bond sales percentages and was one of but two counties which met their quota for the month, a statement from the U. S. treasury department reveals. Total sales for the month were \$157,934, the statement shows, which is 111.5 per cent of the quota. Benton county, where sales were \$155,323, or 104.2 per cent of the quota, ranked second in the state.

Josephine county was 19th in the state, with but 53.7 per cent of its quota sold for the month and Klamath ranked 21st, having sold but 51.9 per cent of its quota.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 11.—(U.P.) Gov. Thomas E. Dewey charged today that the Roosevelt administration "did absolutely nothing to prepare the American people for war."

Dewey made the charge in a news conference shortly after his arrival at Des Moines for conferences with party leaders. He added that the administration now claims it saw the war was coming.

During questioning on foreign policy, arising from a magazine article by Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 G. O. P. presidential nominee, Dewey agreed that foreign policy and domestic policy are inseparable, because strength at home regulates American influence in foreign affairs.

Limping Economy
 "The tragedy of the present administration is that we have an administration seeking reelection now which was eight years in office while all these tremendous forces were rising toward war, which did absolutely nothing to prepare the American people for war," he said.

STALIN TOO BUSY TO CONFER WITH CHURCHILL, F. D. R.

Soviet Prime Minister Explains Inability to Attend Quebec War Conference

Quebec, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, it was learned today, have received a message from Soviet Premier Josef Stalin explaining he was unable to attend their current conference because of his preoccupation with Russian offensives against Germany.

Quebec, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill met again today in this old capital of French Canada, both pleased over the progress of the war and ready to start drafting new plans for the final and complete defeat of Germany and Japan.

"Victory is everywhere," Churchill said to the president as they met for their 10th wartime conference.

The two leaders arrived within an hour of each other on separate trains. Churchill came from Halifax, where he arrived yesterday by ship and Mr. Roosevelt came from Washington.

They met at the Little Wolfe's Cove station on the banks of the St. Lawrence. Churchill and the president chatted for a moment about the war while posing for photographers.

"When everything you touch turns to gold," Churchill said of the recent continuing allied war successes, "there is no need crying out about providence."

Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill greeted each other enthusiastically, comparing notes on how each other was feeling.

Churchill walked across four railroad tracks to where the president waited for him in a large open touring car.

"Well, hello," the president greeted the prime minister, "I'm glad to see you."

"Eleanor's here," the president added, referring to his wife who was caught in a swarm of photographers near the automobile.

Mrs. Churchill, who was with the prime minister, was caught in another crowd on the opposite side of the car, but spied Mrs. Roosevelt and shouted, "Hello, there."

"Did you have a nice trip?" the president asked Churchill, who replied that although there were three days of "beautiful weather," he was "frankly sick" part of the time.

When newspaper reports from Washington detailing the huge food surplus which the government may be holding at the end of the war were called to his attention, he said there was no doubt but what he will have accumulated a tremendous stock pile.

He said it would require enormous planning to distribute such surplus without glutting the market and giving the American farmer a very bad year.

Dewey told reporters at a news conference shortly after his arrival in Des Moines that one of the reasons for his visit to Iowa was to discuss with the people of Iowa and its leaders the "critical farm problems that will face this country when the war is over."

Armies Seal Trap



(Acme Telephoto)
 America's 3rd army in the north and the Allied 7th army in the south have effected a junction to seal off all of western France and trap the remaining Germans there. Arrows in center show where they made contact in vicinity of Dijon, closing the Belfort Gap gateway to southern Germany.—(Acme Telephoto)

Philippines Bombed By Large Formations During Week-End

Large formations of American aircraft raided the Philippines, Truk, Palau, Iwo, and the Celebes during the weekend, Tokyo radio reported Monday in a broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco.

Quoting a dispatch from Davao, Mindanao, Tokyo said 180 planes attacked Davao and Cagayan Sunday, while 400 planes hit both sectors Saturday. Cagayan, site of an airport, is situated on the north coast of Mindanao about 140 statute miles north of Davao.

Tokyo claimed 19 raiders were shot down over Mindanao during the weekend.

Chungking, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Mitchell bombers of the 14th army air force attacked White Cloud airfield and storage areas at Canton Saturday, while Liberators sank an enemy destroyer and 19,000 tons of merchant shipping in the south China Sea during Friday and Saturday raids, it was announced today.

A communique from Gen. Joseph Stilwell said the B-25s caused explosions and started large fires among the Canton targets.

NINE MORE JAPS PREY OF U. S. SUBS

Washington, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—The navy announced today that American submarines operating in Pacific and far eastern waters have sunk nine more Japanese ships, including a destroyer, a gunboat and an escort vessel.

A communique said this latest bag of U. S. undersea craft also included two medium cargo vessels, one small cargo vessel, one medium cargo transport and two small tankers.

It brought to 732 the number of enemy ships sent to the bottom by American subs striking at Japanese supply lines.

ADMIRAL DECORATED
 Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—Rear Adm. Joseph James Clark, USN, Chelsea, Okla., whose carrier task force sank or damaged 46 Japanese ships near the Bonin Islands, Aug. 3, has been awarded the Navy Cross for high personal courage and superlative leadership, it was announced today.

ARMIES MEET IN DIJON REGION TO COMPLETE SEAL

Unbroken Front Now Runs From North Sea to Mediterranean — Trap Nazis

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—The American 3rd and allied 7th armies made an historic junction in northeastern France near Dijon today, establishing an unbroken front from the North sea to the Mediterranean and trapping all the Germans to the west.

The junction in the region of Sombernon, 12 miles west of Dijon, set the stage for the climactic assault on Germany for which allied armies were massing within gunshot of a 100-mile stretch of the reich frontier.

Climaxes Drives
 United Press Correspondent Robert C. Richards reported the junction of the Seventh and Third armies in a dispatch from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's front.

"Elements of the Third army contacted elements of the Seventh army in the vicinity of Sombernon this morning," his dispatch said.

The junction climaxed drives of hundreds of miles by both armies—the Third from the Normandy beachhead from which it burst five weeks ago and the Seventh from the Mediterranean beaches on which its French and American elements landed a month ago.

Whatever German troops remained in southwestern France—apparently a relatively small number since a general withdrawal has been going on since the Seventh army defeated and routed the Nazis in southern France—were cut off from the homeland by the allied cordon winding through Belgium, Holland, and France.

Rome, Sept. 11.—(U.P.)—French troops of the Allied 7th army have captured Dijon, vital transport center and biggest city in east-central France, in a drive through one of the biggest barriers to a junction with American forces to the northwest.

TRANSIENTS HELD IN AUTO STEALING

Two transients whose home addresses were not immediately known were to be returned to Medford by the sheriff's office today from Yreka, Calif., after their arrest by the California Highway Patrol in Mt. Shasta City early Sunday morning on a charge of automobile theft. They were listed as Edsell York, 17 and Ed Stakely, 20.

State police said the pair admitted stealing a 1935 Ford flat bed truck owned by George Nichols, Ashland, and abandoning it near the California quarantine station on the Siskiyou mountains.

They then hitchhiked to Hornbrook, police said, where they were picked up by an officer. While the officer was telephoning, police said, the two escaped and were later apprehended at Mt. Shasta City and taken to the Siskiyou county jail at Yreka.

Authorities were on the lookout for another stolen machine, a 1937 Oldsmobile with Oregon license plates 400-120 owned by H. B. Fishburn of Ashland. The car, state police said, was stolen since 8:30 p. m. Sunday.