

FIGHT BEGINS FOR SIEGFRIED LINE

Weather

Forecast: Fair with little change in temperature tonight and Wednesday.
Highest yesterday: 96
Lowest this morning: 54
Precipitation past 24 hrs.: 0

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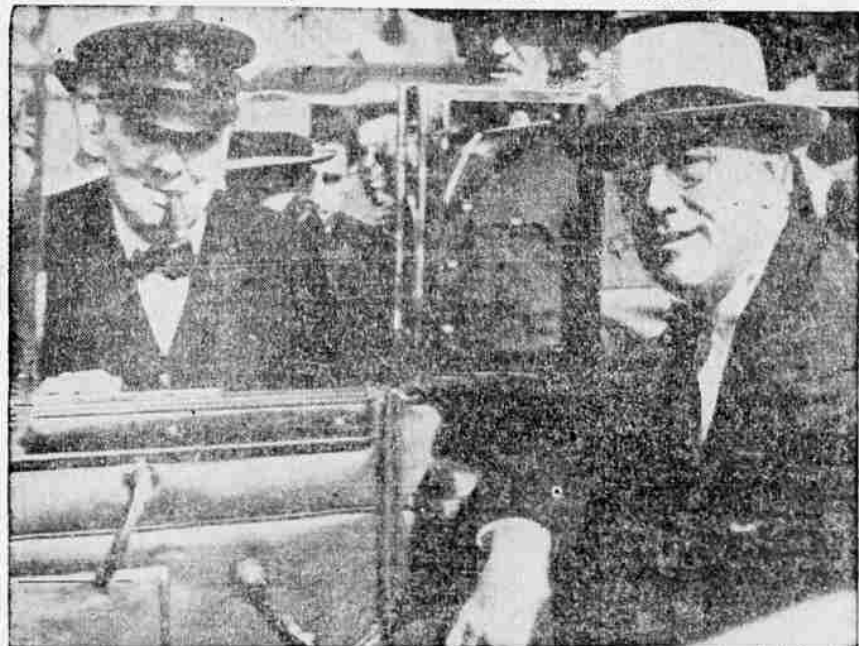
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Roosevelt, Churchill Meet in Canada



Smiling broadly, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill meet again in Quebec, both pleased over progress of the war and ready to start drafting new plans for final and complete victory over Germany and Japan. "Victory is everywhere," Churchill said to the President as they met for their 10th wartime conference.

GOP 'BAROMETER' FAIR AND WARMER IN MAINE READING

Portland, Me., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—A Republican landslide in the Maine "barometer" elections returned three GOP congressmen to office and elected state senate president Horace A. Hildreth governor, virtually complete returns showed today.

It was the largest margin of victory ever scored by the GOP in the traditionally Republican state, Marion Martin, of Bangor, assistant national Republican chairman, said. The Republican gubernatorial candidate received approximately 75 per cent of the votes cast.

The voting proved a blow to the CIO political action committee which had campaigned actively for the election of two Democratic candidates for congress.

Returned to office were Reps. Robert Hale of Portland, in the first district; Margaret C. Smith of Skowhegan, in the second district, and Frank Fellows of Bangor, in the third district.

Their margins were approximately three to one. The Maine election has been called a national barometer for the November presidential elections—"as Maine goes, so goes the nation" has been the saying—despite the 1940 balloting which saw the Republicans win overwhelmingly in Maine in September, only to lose the presidential race in November.

REDS AIM DRIVE AT EAST PRUSSIA

Moscow, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Waves of Soviet tanks and infantrymen attacked the fortress town of Lomzha today in a drive threatening to roll into East Prussia, which already had been invaded by vanguards of powerful Russian forces massed along the Lithuanian-Prussian frontier to the northeast.

Coinciding with the disclosure of the American invasion of Germany from the west, Moscow's early morning communiqué revealed that patrols of the 3rd White Russian army in Lithuania entered East Prussia before dawn Monday on a reconnaissance raid.

They crossed the Szesupe river about 40 miles southwest of Kaunas after nightfall and shot up a detachment of German border guards, killing 16.

London, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The air ministry announced today that Benighteders intercepted four large German minesweepers moving up the Norwegian coast off Christiansand yesterday afternoon and set them all afire with rockets and torpedoes.

Mail Tribune's Bargain Offer Well Received

Subscriptions entered during the Mail Tribune's annual bargain days which ended Monday night, exceeded the best previous record by 17 per cent, Gerald T. Latham, circulation manager, stated today. A feature of the event this year was the large number of new subscribers, Latham said, adding that apparently many new families have recently taken up residence in the Medford area.

"The Mail Tribune wishes to express its appreciation for the fine cooperation of subscribers with the circulation department and carriers."

"The Mail Tribune endeavors at all times to furnish readers the latest and most complete coverage of local, state and world news, and although due to war conditions we are still restricted in many ways, we hope to improve certain services as limitations are relaxed," Latham added.

INDIANS, COWBOYS GREET DEWEY ON NEBRASKA ARRIVAL

Valentine, Neb., Sept. 12.—(U.P.) Gov. Thomas E. Dewey was greeted by a long line of Indians in feathered headdresses and cowboys on horseback when he arrived today for conferences with Nebraska and South Dakota Republicans at the ranch of former Nebraska Governor Samuel R. McKelvie.

A crowd of about 2000 persons, equal to the population of this northwestern Nebraska town, greeted the Dewey special train when it rolled into the station.

Parade Formed
The GOP presidential nominee and Mrs. Dewey stepped from the train into an open touring car for a parade down the short main street.

There will be no formal speech during the entire Nebraska visit. Meanwhile, in the long hops between official stops, Dewey is spending most of his time working over the major speeches he has scheduled for Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles next week and making a maximum of rear platform appearances so common for a transcontinental tour of this type in former years.

STRIKE SHORTLIVED
Houston, Tex., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—A work stoppage at the Todd Houston Shipbuilding corporation, involving 16,000 workers and paralyzing the sprawling shipyards, came to an abrupt end late today when union officials issued a back-to-work order.

FOREST FIRES IN SOUTHERN OREGON ALL CONTROLLED

Eugene, Ore., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Three southern Oregon forest fires were well under control today, forestry officials reported.

At Roseburg, a blaze which covered 100 acres has been completely trailed and is past the danger point.

A 200-acre fire near Canyonville, which Douglas County Fire Protective association officials said was deliberately set, also has been controlled.

The Veneta fire in Lane county, 20 miles west of Eugene, has been in the mop-up stage for several days.

By United Press
The weatherman came to the rescue of tinder-dry northwest forests today, with cooler temperatures in most areas and sprinkles predicted for tomorrow.

There will be a constant threat of fire until rain actually comes, because the moisture content of the forests is far below normal. Cessation of the soaring temperatures, however, lessened the danger and most fires were under control.

State Forester Nelson Rogers of Oregon said the only fire apparently out of control was burning in Wheeler county north of Mitchell, with 1000 to 1200 acres burned over.

A large fire in the Malheur National forest was brought under control by 350 men working with tractors.

A pump is being used today on a small forest fire reported yesterday in the Blue Canyon district, near Horseshoe Lake. It is expected the fire will be completely extinguished by tonight, the Medford office of the Rogue River National forest service reported today. The pump was taken to the fire by Ranger Otis Folles of the Butte Falls district.

A. D. McReynolds of the state fire patrol stated this afternoon that lower temperatures and higher humidity resulted in a less dangerous potential fire situation today but that extreme caution was still necessary.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Frank Hull's friends suggesting that he call the paper salvage committee to take care of the overcrowded condition of his desk.

Louis Older bringing forth some fancy ideas on the subject of the good old-fashioned box social.

Bob Banning, Ralph Green, Kenneth Hamner and Tolly Tolson refusing to eat one of Alice Crow's culinary creations.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE INSTRUCTIONS ARE POSTED FOR CITY

Registration Slated Sept. 18
—Teaching Staffs Announced by Superintendent

Instructions to parents with students entering the elementary public schools were released today by E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent. The teaching staffs have also been completed and are announced. Pupils for grades one to six will report for registration at 8:50 a. m. Monday, September 18, at their respective schools. Junior high school and Senior high school have been postponed until September 25 due to the labor situation.

It was explained that all pupils are eligible to enter school who are six years of age or over before Oct. 29, 1944. Those younger, but who will be six on or before January 26, 1945, may enter if they pass a test showing them to have a mental age of six and a half years. These examinations for young pupils are being given on appointment this week until September 15 at Junior high school by Mrs. Blanche Canode, telephone 4816. The entering of under-age pupils is generally discouraged, Mr. Hedrick stated, as it seldom proves the wise thing to do.

Special Education
Medford city schools provide several forms of special education to serve needs of handicapped pupils in the district. Parents having children who are physically handicapped, or who need any form of special education should contact the city school office, telephone 2157 so that provision may be made for them before the opening school date, Sept. 18.

Division lines for the schools follow: Roosevelt school serves all territory east of the center line of the Pacific highway. Lincoln school serves that portion of the city west of the Pacific highway and east of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks. Jackson school serves the northwest part of the city, being that portion which lies west of the railroad tracks and north of the center line of West Main street and Jacksonville highway. Washington school serves the southwest part of the city, that territory lying west of the railroad tracks and south of the center line of West Main street and Jacksonville highway. Junior high school serves the entire city for grades seven, eight and nine.

From Rural Area
Five elementary school districts plan to transport their students to Medford: Districts 29, Dewey and 24. North Phoenix will deliver elementary students to Roosevelt school. Districts 15, 16 and 17 will deliver to Lincoln school.

All elementary textbooks are furnished according to law, it was stated, to pupils of the first eight grades. These will be distributed at the time of registration.

Superintendent Hedrick urged all students from Junior and Senior high schools who are employed in the fruit harvest or other work to stay on their jobs until Sept. 25. Students who desire to remain on their jobs a week or so after school opens will be encouraged to do so and may enter late without serious injury to their work.

Teachers to Meet
A general teachers' meeting for elementary teachers, principals and supervisors will be held in Junior high school, Sept. 16 at 9 a. m., at which time general plans for the year will be discussed. This meeting will be followed by principals meeting in the several buildings.

Following is a list of elementary teachers and principals by schools: Jackson, H. W. Gustin, principal; Katherine Leavitt, Ruth Bolton, Nina Carlson, Eunice Gray, Precia Medley, Ivah D. Murray, Ruth Stewart and Della Weber.

Lincoln school: Ora Cox, principal; Margaret Ruth Bolton, Ruby Clark Ethel Chastain Norma Ebnother, Thelma Halverson, Bertha Haskins and Mary Norvell.

Roosevelt school: Sara Van

U. S. Planes Destroy 91 Ships, 68 Planes in Philippines Raid

By United Press
The combined striking power of the U. S. 3rd Pacific fleet and the far eastern air force was aimed today at the Philippines where warships, carrier planes, and land based bombers smashed 91 Japanese vessels and 61 aircraft in a joint attack which the Japanese radio said continued into a third consecutive day Sunday.

The warship and carrier plane attack was the first of the war against the Philippines and brought the first disclosure that Adm. William F. Halsey had returned to action as commander of the 3rd fleet.

Greatest Single Blow
Halsey sent the fleet steaming close to Mindanao, southernmost of the Philippine islands, Friday to strike the greatest single blow of the war against the Japanese merchant fleet. At least 39 cargo ships were sunk or probably destroyed.

No Japanese ships challenged the attack and only eight Japanese planes appeared. All were shot down. Sixty other enemy planes were destroyed on the ground.

Allied bombers followed up the attack Saturday night with a raid on Zamboanga harbor at the southern end of Mindanao, scoring direct hits on two 7,000-ton cargo ships.

The Tokyo radio reported 400 planes attacked Davao and Cagayan on Mindanao Saturday and 180 planes hit both points again Sunday.

Losses Very Light
Adm. Chester W. Nimitz in announcing the fleet raid, said that American aerial losses were "very light" and no surface vessels were damaged.

Liberator bombers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's far eastern air force attacked Celebes island, 200 miles south of the Philippine islands, again Saturday and other bombers continued steady attacks on Halmaera east of Celebes. Fighters hit airdromes at Ceram and Boeroe islands to the south.

Army and navy Liberators bomber Paramushiro in the Kurile islands in the far north Saturday and Sunday. Two more attacks were made on Iwo Jima in the volcanos.

Take Burma Crest
Troops of the 14th army captured an important crest in the Mayu range, southwest of Buthidaung in southern Burma, a communiqué said.

American Liberators bombed the May-ayp railway station, marshaling point on the Mandalay-Lashio railway for Japanese men and supplies for the Salween front in China's Yunnan province.

Elks Lodge Offers Boxes For Mailing Servicemen Gifts

The Medford lodge of Elks, through a committee headed by Dr. August Glutich is now making containers for Christmas packages for servicemen. The boxes comply in height, width and weight with postal requirements and will be distributed free upon request to persons desiring them who call at the Elks Temple. Material for the boxes is prepared by the committee and will be nailed together by members of the lodge. Some of the boxes are now ready for distribution. All the lodge asks is that the name of the applicant and to whom the box is sent, be listed.

The committee of which Dr. Glutich is chairman, includes Diamond Flynn, Richard Phair and Ernest Scott.

Meter, principal; Anna B. Carter, Mary Coffin, Kathleen Silver, Esther Fliegel, Eleahor Hamilton, Allean Maxwell, Rebecca Jean Long, Mae Menn, Elizabeth Rice and Rosabelle Skeen.

Washington school: Frank H. Ronts, principal; Marian Beeson, Blanche Canode, Alice Lynch, Leona Crane, Betty Vinson, Elizabeth Sager, Lillian King, Marjorie Mock, Lyle Gregory, Eunice Smith, Kathryn Larison, Gertrude Watzling, Laura N. York.

LEWIS SAYS F. R. PUBLICLY KICKED MINERS IN FACE

UMW Leader Calls for President's Defeat in Nov.—Insurgent Group Roasted.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 12.—(U.P.) United Mine Worker President John L. Lewis, charging that President Roosevelt once had "publicly kicked every miner in the face," today called for the president's defeat in the November elections.

Speaking before delegates at the opening of the UMW's 10-day biennial convention, Lewis said that if the miners vote for President Roosevelt in November they will receive "the same kind of treatment" in their contract negotiations as they received in 1943 and 1944.

Lewis traced last year's contract negotiations with mine operators and the work stoppage throughout the nation's coal fields. He said that President Roosevelt "publicly kicked every miner in the face by asking us to call off the strike over the radio after that afternoon the policy committee had called off the stoppage."

"How did you like that?" he shouted to the 2,700 delegates. "Well, vote him into office next November and I think that you will have some more of it in April," Lewis added.

The present contract between the miners and operators expires April 1, 1945.

In an attack upon an insurgent group of delegates seeking autonomy for 21 of the 31 UMW districts, Lewis charged that "Roosevelt, Browder and Hillman had hired themselves a man to dethrone the 'old man.'"

"Yes," said Lewis, "they furnished him with some money to publish some smear literature and get some interviews in the press. Well, while all that's going on, just what in the hell am I supposed to be doing?"

F. R., CHURCHILL WILL EYE PLANS FOR JAP DEFEAT

Quebec, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill held their first formal business session today on new plans for the final destruction of the Axis.

The president and the prime minister met in their quarters in the old citadel overlooking the St. Lawrence river this morning, and prepared for a larger conference with the Anglo-American combined chiefs of staffs this afternoon.

White House Secretary Stephen T. Early, under questioning, said that although the conferences were pointed primarily at the Pacific, he did not know whether Chinese representation here had been sought. He added, however, that the Chinese government would be kept informed up to the minute on the proceedings here.

5TH ARMY ONLY 35 MILES FROM PO VALLEY GATE

Rome, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—American and French troops of the Allied 7th army fanned out rapidly as much as 22 miles beyond Dijon on a broad arc in the region where a junction had been made with the right wing of the United States 3rd army to the north, headquarters reported tonight.

The towns of Orville and Champlite, 16 and 22 miles respectively northeast of Dijon, fell to the advancing Allies. The Germans put up little resistance, devoting their main effort to the withdrawal back into the Belfort gap.

In addition to reaching Barberino, 15 miles north of Florence, a number of 5th army units pushed well beyond the upper Sieve river, reaching the vicinity of Scarperia, five and one-half miles southeast of Barberino.

Along the Gemmano and Adriatic front the British troops have taken 3500 prisoners of war since the battle for the breached Gothic line started on Aug. 26, it was announced today.

Medfordites Meet On Ship En Route To Duty in France

An army doctor and an army nurse both from Medford met by chance on a ship crossing the English channel to France about the middle of August. In letters to relatives, both Lt. Bernice Gill, A.N.C., and Major Edwin R. Durno of the medical corps described the meeting and wrote of how they enjoyed exchanging news of Medford.

Both the major and the nurse are still in France. Major Durno has been overseas about a year, having been assigned to an English hospital for a considerable time before going to France. Lt. Gill has been overseas since last spring. Lt. Gill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gill, 122 Cottage street, and the Durno family resides at 1913 Hillcrest Road.

Vast Food Surpluses Loom With End of European War

Washington, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Prospects of vast food surpluses after the fall of Germany were increased today by an agriculture department report that favorable weather in the next few weeks could bring "the largest aggregate volume of crops this country has ever produced."

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes in his report on demobilization, estimated that about 8,000,000 tons of food could be released from wartime reserves at the end of the European war. Combined food requirements for U. S. occupation forces and relief feeding were

placed at only 3,000,000 tons during the first six months of 1945. A new agriculture department report said that production this year may be four per cent higher than last year while overall food output may rise nearly 40 per cent above peace-time levels.

This tremendous production and the reserves that will be releasable when Germany falls, are posing a threat to the future stability of farm prices. Byrnes estimated that as much as \$2,000,000,000 may be required in 1945 to support prices at levels specified by law.

(More about crops on page 8)

YANKEE TROOPS NOW SIX MILES INTO GERMANY

Mystery Fort Eben Emael Captured; 1st Army Guns Pump Shells Into Reich.

Supreme Headquarters, AER, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The first phase of the battle of the Siegfried line opened today when American troops outflanked its outpost of Trier in a drive more than six miles into Germany and captured the "mystery fort" Eben Emael on its northern approaches.

United States Marauder and Havoc bombers heavily plastered a long stretch of the Siegfried line between Aachen and Saarbrücken while American 1st army guns pumped shells into Germany from newly won positions just west of the frontier.

Le Havre Surrenders
Far to the west, the great French port of Le Havre was reported to have surrendered about noon to British troops of the Canadian 1st army, giving the Allies control of one of the most valuable gateways to France.

United Press Correspondent Henry T. Gorrell reported in a dispatch from Germany that an American armored division was stabbing ever deeper into the Reich after establishing itself on German soil in force.

Supreme headquarters lacked further information on the penetration of Germany, which was reported to have flanked the ancient city of Trier and won a springboard for a full scale push toward the Rhineland.

Fan Out From Liege
While the advanced 1st army spearhead was probing the fortifications before the Siegfried line, other elements of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' army to the north were fanning out from Liege. They seized a number of points almost on the German frontier, and smashed to within one mile of the Dutch border near the great fortress city of Maastricht.

It was in the extreme east tip of Belgium below Maastricht that the Americans seized Fort Eben Emael. There the Nazis unveiled their "blitzkrieg in the west" in 1940 and swamped the fort in a mysterious manner never fully explained.

With Eben Emael and its adjacent fortifications overrun, and with Maastricht set up for frontal assault, the barriers before the German frontier in the Aachen area were crumbling.

The Nazis offered comparatively light resistance at Eben Emael, which was held strongly by the Belgians in the first phase of the war but nevertheless toppled immediately under the German onslaught, touching off rumors of "secret weapons" of dread potency.

Eupen Captured
1st army troops striking in the direction of Cologne and Coblenz captured Eupen, in the Liege area six miles short of the German frontier and Malmédy, nine west of the frontier. Its advances brought the vanguard almost to the border along a 20-mile front in that area.

The Americans almost completed the occupation of the grand Duchy of Luxembourg, from which the first penetration of Germany was made.

On the Siegfried Line, Sept. 12, 6:30 p. m.—(U.P.)—A group of American soldiers stood within 2,000 yards of the concrete pillboxes of the Siegfried line today, but the Germans did not fire a single shot at them.

The officers of the group slowly and carefully studied the woods and terrain around the Nazi defenses and offered ample targets for an itching-fingered German. But not once was the observation interrupted.

TO BERLIN
By United Press
The nearest distances to Berlin from advanced Allied lines today:

Western front—320 miles (from point near Trier. Gain of 28 miles in week).

Southern France—425 miles (from point southeast of Belfort. Gain of 115 miles in week).

Italy—555 miles (from point near Rimini. Unchanged in week).

Russia—328 miles (from point east of Warsaw. Unchanged in week).