

# Fall Of Berlin To Russians Third Time Within 189 Years

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Moscow, April 24—(U.P.)—History was repeating itself for the third time in 189 years today as the Russians stormed toward the heart of blazing Berlin.

Three times the Russians have taken Berlin—1758, 1813 and now, 1945.

The eight-day battle for Berlin which began on Feb. 13, 1813, was very much like today's spectacular struggle for the German capital.

**Cossacks Ride In**  
Then, as today, Cossacks stormed toward the Alexanderplatz, fur caps tilted atop their heads, capes flowing behind

them, their sabres waving wildly. Then they rode horses, but today of course they were motorized.

The commanding general of the Russians who took Berlin in 1813, Gen. Chernishev, wrote a report which reads almost like today's news dispatches.

"Our advance units took Charlottenburg and the Potsdam highway," Chernishev wrote to his commander-in-chief, Field Marshal Kutuzov, "Enemy cavalry striking from Berlin attacking us. Having crushed them we slashed toward the city on their backs and pursued them as far as Alexanderplatz, where massed infantry met us with halffire.

"At the same time the enemy riflemen from windows, balconies, gateways and barracks halled bullets while artillery mowed down our gallant Cossacks.

(Today's reports told of just such violent street fighting and of how massed anti-aircraft guns and anti-tank pieces battled the onrushing red tanks.)

**Germans Retreat**  
"A strong enemy column coming from Prenzlauer gate defiled behind walls, but retreated in the face of our rapid fire. We battled an hour and three-quarters, hauling only at the river whose wooden bridges had been blown up with only a stone bridge defended by a six-gun battery.

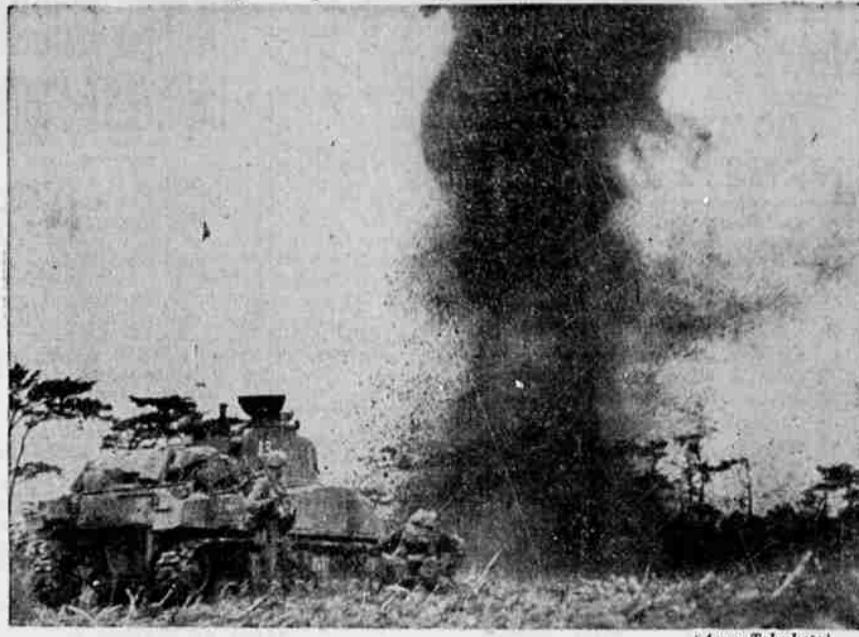
"Inspired by the example of our leaders, our troops attacked the enemy column four times, routed it, and pushed it as far as Alexanderplatz."

(Today again the Cossacks were pushing the Germans back to Alexanderplatz.)

The report concluded, "February 22d his imperial majesty's banners were fluttering over Berlin."

Approximately 1,700,000 of the country's 3,100,000 state and local government employees were members of retirement systems in 1944, the Public Administration Clearing House reports.

## Blasting Way Through Jap Mine Field



Tanks and infantrymen of a U. S. 10th Army Division blast way through a mine field on Okinawa as Jap machine-guns keep troops crouching behind the tanks. The mines are detonated by lead tank firing ahead with its cannon making a safe path for those that follow. U. S. Army photo.

### Small Businessman Nation's Bulwark Says Loan Manager

St. Louis, April 24—(U.P.)—John W. Snyder, St. Louis banker, in his first public utterance since his appointment as federal loan administrator, today praised the small businessman as "the bulwark of our country."

Appearing as an unexpected guest of honor at a luncheon meeting sponsored by the small business committee of the chamber of commerce, Snyder said the small businessman must be given an "opportunity to play his part in getting us back on the road to happiness and prosperity when the war is over."

"As you know," he said, "small business is very close to my heart. We have over 2,000,000 businesses in this country and the word 'small' loses its effect."

Salter, Mrs. A. J. Edler, and Mrs. Everett Shafer. The two former women are ex-presidents of Prospect P.T.A.

Joe Beck returned here from a Medford hospital, April 19, and reports that his injured hand is healing nicely.

Wallace Neece of Gilechrist has taken the job as saw-filer for the Ross & Cushing Lbr. Co., and is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clemens.

Mrs. G. E. Turpin of Medford, left for her home April 18, after visiting Mrs. Velma Rogers for several days.

Mrs. Richard Tubman and Mrs. Maurice E. Scheel and son Jimmy were luncheon guests of Mrs. Otis Foiles at Butte Falls, April 18.

Mrs. Stanford Pearson was taken to the Community hospital at Medford April 18, for medical treatment.

### Gold Hill

Gold Hill, April 24 — Toni Z. Smith was pleasantly surprised on Thursday evening when his daughters, Mrs. Paul Johnson and family and Mrs. George Brown and family of Medford came to help him celebrate his birthday and wedding anniversary.

Terry Clement, Sic, is home on leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Clement and sister Patty.

Mr. and Mrs. Delos Walker and daughter, Dixie Lee, went to Portland Sunday, where Mr. Walker will take his physical exam.

The Reynolds family have moved back to Gold Hill from Ashland where they lived for several weeks.

The Bert Kenyon family moved to Medford this week, having sold their place to Mr. and Mrs. Vermilyea, of Calif.

On Wednesday evening the Degree Staff of Amethyst Rebekah lodge No. 97 practiced for initiation which will be Wednesday evening, May 2. Mrs. Effie Wyatt is chairman of the

### Prospect

Prospect, April 24 — Mrs. Richard Ditzworth and sons, Norman and Wayne, spent four days over the week-end visiting her husband's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tucker at Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Morris and baby son, and Clarence Morris spent the last week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Morris in Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Carter and sons, Frank and David, left April 19, to spend two days at coast points. They were accompanied as far as Crescent City by Mr. Carter's mother, Mrs. George Carter, who will visit relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Grieve took the former's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Grieve, to the Community hospital at Medford, April 19, as she was suffering with a toe infection.

Delegates from the local association to the P.T.A. convention at Ashland were Mrs. Frank

entertainment committee for that evening. Mrs. Ada Dusenberry's side was ahead in the contest. There were 44 members present and Mrs. Thelma Bell and committee provided the entertainment.

Mrs. Mel Davis of Oakland, Oregon, visited over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook.

Mrs. Sybil Mills of Portland, Oregon, visited over the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Millic Walker, who has been ill, but is much improved.

Mrs. Barton of San Francisco, is here visiting friends.

Mrs. Dee Bachman and daughter, Doris, of Lowell, Ore., formerly of this vicinity, visited with the William Publ. and Ray Shunterman families and other friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kesterson of Klamath Falls visited over the week-end with Mrs. Kesterson's mother, Mrs. William Publ. Mrs. Pearl Walker of Seattle, Wash., is here visiting Mrs. Lucy Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newnham and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fitch Snyder visited April 15 with Mr. and Mrs. Veltie Biles and family of Sams Valley where they were entertained in honor of Mrs. Snyder's birthday.

Mrs. Creighton Thompson and baby daughter left Thursday for Bend, Oregon, where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Winn.

### Housewives Warned Of Spring Chiselers

Cleveland (U.P.) — The Cleveland Better Business Bureau this year placed local housewives on guard against "spring chiselers" even before the first robin was spotted.

The bureau warned against fly-by-night tree surgeons and lawn or garden experts who victimize Victory gardeners by sales of bogus humus, a type of fertilizer, and of magic seeds that sprout fruit in a day or two.

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### New Well Drilled For Water Supply At Central Point

Central Point, April 24—(U.P.) A new well has been drilled in the vicinity of the water tower to supplement the Central Point water supply. At a depth of 224 feet, Robert Burns, well driller, struck water which indicated a strong flow into the well. It is estimated the wells now in operation, if pumped to capacity, will supply adequate water, even during the summer peak, without having to depend on the old wells, which furnish hard water.

The city council met recently to hear reports about the new well and steps were taken to secure a large pump for the well. The pump will be connected directly to the water mains. The two old shallow wells and their equipment will be retained at the present for stand-by service.

### Rogue River

Rogue River, April 24 — Charles Pritchett, 56, passed away at his home here April 15. Born in Helena, Mont. on Feb. 16, 1889, he had lived in Oregon 52 years. Funeral services were held Tuesday in Grants Pass, Rev. L. D. Hall officiating. Cremation followed.

Mrs. Mabel Wilson of Roseburg called on her many friends here Thursday.

Mrs. Morris Jones and two sons, Mrs. Edna Schults and small daughter of Central Point called on the ladies' uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Breeding Sunday.

H.E.C. of Live Oak Grange was host Thursday for a shower in honor of Mrs. Ione Jones who received many beautiful gifts. About 40 people attended.

Chas. Sanders of Grants Pass was a dinner guest Tuesday of Jim Whipple.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Cooper from Missouri arrived last week to spend the summer at the home of their son-in-law and daughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hart. Miss Joan Strahan is spending the summer at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strahan at Ft. Klamath. Mr. and Mrs. A. Deputy have lumber on their lot on Cedar street and will soon erect a new house.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shults of Midland, Ore., visited Mr. Shults' mother this week. They spent several days fishing at Gold Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Green and son of Wyoming are visiting Mr. Green's parents, and brother Jess and family.

A new addition is being added to the front of the Girl Scout hall. The work is being done by the Grange men.

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