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NAZIS SMASHING AT RUSS LINE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MOSCOW today asserts that in spite of three days of continuous assault the Germans have been unable to cross the Berezina river, adding that 750,000 Germans have been killed, wounded and captured and the best divisions of the German army smashed.

The Germans say the Berezina has been crossed in several places and they're rolling on toward the Dnepr and the Stalin line.

You can still take your choice.

TURN your eyes for a moment to Japan, who announced yesterday that she is "considering" an extension of her territorial waters to shut off Russian Vladivostok from American aid.

Note that she is talking about it first. When Japan really means business she will act first and talk afterward.

BRITISH bombers last night raided Germany for the 24th time in 26 nights. Watch these British air raids into Germany. If they continue, they will be significant.

Among other things (if continued) they will test out German morale.

Remember it was GERMAN morale that broke in the last war. It might break again. Especially if Hitler should LOSE A BATTLE.

RUSSIAN losses have unquestionably been terrible. But don't expect Russia, appalled by her casualties, to give up at once. There is no historical precedent for such a conclusion.

Whatever else they may have been, the Russians have proved often enough to be tough fighters.

NAPOLION found that out at Eylau, where the Russian guards died stubbornly in windows and nearly upset his applecart by their determined resistance.

He had found it out at Pultusk, where the Russians, fighting with desperate bravery, held him to a doubtful draw. Napoleon announced in Paris that he had won a brilliant victory at Pultusk and, thanks to the slow communications of those days, got away with it.

Claims of overwhelming victory couldn't be relied on in Napoleon's day any more than now.

THE hard-fighting Russians might have stopped Napoleon in 1807 but for the fact that their leader, the Tsar Alexander, was a sap. Incompetent leadership, rather than lack of fighting stamina on the part of her people, has been Russia's great handicap.

Incompetently led and poorly armed, the Russians fought for nearly three years in the world war. When their morale finally broke and the revolution started in 1917, they were fighting the Germans practically with their bare hands.

WHATEVER we may think of Stalin, whatever we may think of communism, let's not define the Russian muzzik as a fighter. Time after time, he has proved himself ready to stand and die.

SPEAKING of slaughter, let's take a hasty look here at our own: Total violent deaths in the (Continued on Page Two)

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

July 5, 1940—French government protests through U. S. against British attack on French fleet; open break feared.

July 5, 1916—French take village of Hem in Somme advance; Germans report capture of 23,000 Russians in June fighting south of Pinsk marshes.

SECOND DAY'S RODEO DRAWS LARGE CROWD

6000 On Hand As Big Show Opens on Fourth

The high-heeled cowhands were riding, roping and dogging for second day money Saturday as the sixth annual Klamath Buckaroo Days continued to draw thousands to the fairgrounds to watch the biggest Fourth of July celebration on the Pacific coast. An estimated crowd of between five and six thousand persons jammed the grandstands, filled the rails, and stood on their feet at the opening day of the show.

George Myers, in charge of ticket sales, reported to headquarters all reserved seats for the first day were sold out before noon, more than 200 standing spaces were sold before the uncovered grandstand and chairs were put up in the main aisle of the big grandstand.

Sunday Big Day

Biggest day of the show is expected Sunday when the cowboys ride for day as well as final money.

Several hundred horses and riders appeared in the gala cowboy parade at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, final parade of the show with the exception of grand entries each day at 1 o'clock. Final dance was also scheduled for Saturday night at the fairgrounds.

Modoc Field Show

Sunday night will see the big finale with free entertainment at Modoc field. There is absolute (Continued on Page Two)

Firefighters Hurl Back By Explosions

NEW YORK, July 5, (AP)—A roaring blaze which had smoldered undetected more than 24 hours in a brick building on lower Broadway killed one fireman early today and injured 29 others.

The body of the dead man, Carl Bischoff, was carried out two hours after the fire was declared under control.

Firemen were hurled across the street by two blasts—backdrafts—of smoke and flames that broke the early morning silence of the financial district like major explosions.

So great was the force of the blasts that they literally picked up the firemen and hurled them about 30 feet across Broadway, depositing them on the sidewalk or against the facade of the American Telephone and Telegraph building.

Northern Lights Seen Here Late Friday Night

A vivid display of aurora borealis, the northern lights, topped off the Fourth of July in Oregon, according to many Klamath people and others in all parts of Oregon who saw the sight.

The phenomenon was described as bright green and purple in color, beginning about 10:30 p. m. Friday and lasting until the early hours of Saturday. It grew brighter shortly after midnight, observers said.

Some trouble in radio reception, particularly in short waves, was reported here, believed due to the aurora.

NEW YORK, July 5, (AP)—Magnetic earth currents early today disrupted wire and wireless communications and for several hours before dawn blacked out all radio and cable contact with Europe.

The disturbances, described by technicians as akin to those sometimes caused by aurora borealis, or northern lights, appeared to be clearing as morning progressed.

Look Out for That Brahma!



Animal clown of every rodeo—and he isn't always clowning, either—is the Brahma steer. This big fellow is shown in Friday's show at the fairgrounds, taking out after the pick-up men after his rider had been tossed to the dusty arena floor. The horsemen are losing no time in getting away. A full page of celebration pictures will be found in this issue on Page 3.

OPPOSITION MAY HALT DRAFT LAW

Request to Continue Selectees' Term Strikes Snag

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—Word spread in the senate today that General George C. Marshall's sweeping recommendations for revision of the draft laws might be put aside for awhile.

This report, originated by an administration lieutenant who asked not to be quoted by name, circulated at the capitol while Senator McNary (R-Ore.), minority leader, voiced his outspoken opposition to Marshall's proposal for keeping selectees and national guardsmen in service beyond one year and for lifting the ban against sending draftees out of this hemisphere.

On the other hand, Robert P. Patterson, assistant secretary of war, approved the recommendations which the chief of state made Thursday. Patterson said (Continued on Page Two)

County Studying Proposal to Buy Legion Hall

Klamath county court has started discussions with the American Legion on a proposal that the county acquire the American Legion hall at Fourth street and Klamath avenue.

County Judge U. E. Reeder said the county could get the building for \$20,000. Meetings have been held by the members of the court and a Legion committee.

County officials said that if the building is acquired, it will be used in housing some of the offices which now occupy the courthouse, relieving pressure for space in the larger building. The Legion hall stands on the courthouse grounds and would serve as courthouse annex. The building would be remodeled if used for public offices.

Judge Reeder said the problem of obtaining financing of the proposed purchase is still being considered by the court.

Missing Marines Reported Safe

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—The navy announced today that the last three of a group of 11 marines, who were missing after the torpedoing of the ship which was carrying them to London, had been reported safe.

Eight of the 11 previously were reported picked up and delivered safely to land. What land, whether England or some north Atlantic island, was not disclosed by the navy.

Fireworks Make News As Nation Observes 4th

PORTLAND, Ore., July 5 (AP)—Washington state patrolmen witnessed their Fourth of July pyrotechnic display on the Interstate bridge yesterday.

The automobile of Homer H. Binkley, Portland, exploded with a flourish after Rupert Goodlin, Vancouver, Wash., accidentally dropped a cigarette into a box of fireworks in the back seat.

Goodlin was hospitalized at Vancouver with second degree burns. Mrs. Binkley's hair was singed and her face burned and Binkley, who stayed at the wheel, suffered blistered hands and arms as skyrockets, roman candles and firecrackers went off with a terrific racket.

Patrolmen put out the fire. (Continued on Page Two)

Alert Clerk Foils Plot to Blow Up L. A. Drug Stores

LOS ANGELES, July 5 (AP)—A quick-thinking clerk foiled an apparent plot to blow up at least two drug stores today.

Police quickly warned other druggists against filling prescriptions of explosive character.

Capt. Vern Rasmussen of the police homicide squad said a druggist clerk reported that a man identifying himself as a physician telephoned a rush prescription.

After mixing three of the four ingredients, the clerk became suspicious and instead of adding the four drams of an acid called for, used a medicine dropper and added one drop.

There was a violent explosion. The clerk, uninjured, telephoned the drug company's main office, and warnings were issued to the branch units. At one, a clerk had started to mix the same prescription, which he said had been ordered by telephone.

Rasmussen said a mixture in the proportions ordered would have blown up the store.

It looks like a plot of some maniac with a diabolical knowledge of chemistry," he said.

"We are warning druggists throughout the city."

Schedule of Events For Buckaroo Days

SATURDAY
7 p. m. Street dance for army men.
9 p. m. Cowboy dance, exhibit building.
SUNDAY
1 p. m.—Rodeo.
7:15 p. m. Modoc field program. (No charge.)
Entertainment.
Band concert.
Eagles Drum corps.
Fireworks.

DREDGER PRESSES TREASURE SEARCH

Relics Recovered in Delaware River Raise Hope

PHILADELPHIA, July 5 (AP)—A steady crew on a Delaware river dredge is rooting through each load of muck gouged from the river bottom just opposite Hog Island in a feverish search for sunken treasure—\$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 in British gold.

The dredge commadore, engaged in deepening the Delaware channel just south of the Philadelphia navy yards, has brought up wine in queer old bottles, cannon balls, a pair of old anchors and ship timbers with hand-forged spikes.

And in that vicinity the British Frigate Merlin, believed loaded with the gold treasure, went down in a Revolutionary war battle in the fall of 1777.

Is this the Merlin the dredge is eating into?

"I wouldn't be much surprised," declared Dr. Carroll H. (Continued on Page Two)

Street Dance Set Tonight for New Convoy of Troops

A street dance at 7 p. m. is Saturday evening's major attraction in entertainment of visiting army men, who came into town in a second convoy in the late afternoon. The dance will be held on Main between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Saturday's convoy was billed to bring in 2384 men of the 66th field artillery brigade, 41st division. The trucks moved through Butte valley and across the Oregon line shortly after noon, remaining here over night en route to Fort Lewis, Wash.

Saturday morning, the first serial of the big troop movement broke camp and proceeded north without incident. These men had been here over the holiday, and all reports were that they had had a "big" time helping Klamath Falls celebrate.

Klamath Woman Injured in Crash Near Roseburg

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 5 (AP)—Maude Eaton, 37, of Klamath Falls was in Mercy hospital here today with a fractured skull and deep face and head cuts, suffered in an automobile accident Thursday night on the south Umpqua road.

She was riding in a car driven by Charles Wiltshire, 38, also of Klamath Falls, when the vehicle struck a tree at the edge of the forest near Camp Comfort, state police reported. Other occupants of the car were unhurt.

Holiday Kills 318

NINE PERSONS DIE IN OREGON OVER FOURTH

39 States Chalk Up Death Toll From Many Causes

By The Associated Press
D.O.A.—Dead on arrival; D.O.A.—Dead on arrival . . . All day long in 39 states of the union, police jotted down the routine notation on desk blotters; behind the routine lay the individual stories of at least 318 lives cut short as the nation celebrated the first two days of the Fourth of July weekend.

196 in Cars
Automobiles brought death to at least 196 pleasure seekers; 122 died in airplane crashes, drownings, shootings and other violent forms of death.

The traffic toll soared continually as traffic increased . . . In upstate New York, a 3-year-old boy was killed by a stray bullet on a target range . . . In Connecticut, a pyrotechnical expert was killed at an authorized fireworks display . . . On New York City's teeming east side, a 12-year-old boy fell to his death from a five-story ledge . . . He was the leader in "follow-the-leader."

Fireworks Toll Light
There was one bright spot: Only four deaths resulted from fireworks. One occurred in Missouri; in Tennessee, a 10-year-old boy died of burns after a firecracker was thrown into a large container of fireworks. Police sought an older boy in the death. In Pennsylvania, a celebrant was killed when a dynamite cap exploded.

Although an all-day rain curtailed holiday travel in most of the east, Pennsylvania led the nation in traffic deaths with 20. Ohio led in total fatalities with 25. California reported 23.

Worst single tragedy was an automobile-train crash at the Long Island railroad's Mattituck, N. Y., grade crossing, where six automobile occupants were killed. (Continued on Page Two)

American Consular Clerk to Be Freed From Italian Prison

ROME, July 5 (AP)—Italian authorities announced today they had ordered the release of Raymond Hall, an American consular clerk, from San Vittore prison at Milan, where they said he had been held since July 1.

The reason for his detention was not announced.

The United States embassy had sent the foreign ministry two notes concerning Hall's disappearance and the reasons for his arrest.

A 50-year old former New York newspaperman, Hall was found to be in prison after his wife had reported him missing from their apartment in Milan July 1 upon her return from several days in the country.

United States Consul Lester L. Schnare said inquiries at the apartment house disclosed that two men in plain clothes called there at 7:30 Tuesday morning, 90 minutes before Mrs. Hall's return, and took him away.

British Cruiser Reported Sunk

ROME, July 5 (AP)—Two air-launched torpedoes hit a British auxiliary cruiser of about 7,000 tons in the Fa-nagusta bay of the British Mediterranean Island of Cyprus and the ship must be considered sunk, the Italian high command declared today.

Other Italian raiding planes bombed port facilities and ships in the harbor, the war bulletin reported.

Eden Rejects German Peace Bid in Advance

LEEDS, England, July 5 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden predicted a new German peace offer and rejected it in advance today, reiterating Britain's determination to destroy Adolf Hitler and "all he stands for."

"We anticipate that Hitler, at a moment he considers opportunity during his campaign in Russia, will seek to present himself in another of his occasional theatrical roles," Eden told an outdoor meeting here.

"This time, his make-up will be that of the man of peace. Internal conditions in Germany may make this false posturing necessary for him for a spell. He will offer smooth assurances and specious promises in the hope of lulling some foolish birds."

"It might, therefore, be use (Continued on Page Two)

BIG BRITISH FORCE RAIDS STEEL WORKS

Afternoon Attack on French Town of Lille Reported

LONDON, July 5 (AP)—One of the biggest forces of British bombers to raid the continent in daylight struck at the French factory city of Lille today and scored direct hits on an important steel and engineering works, authoritative sources said.

The attack was made this afternoon with a strong fighter escort.

Another daylight raid in the almost month-long chain of British day-and-night air blows against Germany was reported to have had a railway yard at Abbeville, on the channel coast, as its target.

A British announcement said also that British bombers scored a direct hit on a 4,000-ton German ship. (Continued on Page Two)

BASEBALL AMERICA LEAGUE

NEW YORK, July 5 (AP)—Joe DiMaggio, running his hitting streak to 46 straight games with his nineteenth homer, set the tempo today as the Yankees blasted out five home runs and defeated the Athletics 10 to 5. Charlie Keller hit two of the homers and Johnny Sturn and Red Rolfe one each. Dick Siebert also cracked out two four-batters for the Athletics.

Philadelphia . . . 5 9 1
New York . . . 10 11 0
Marchildon and Hayes; Ruffing and Dickey.

Washington . . . 0 7 4
Boston . . . 5 9 0
Leonard, Anderson (5) and Early; Wagner and Pytlak.

Cleveland . . . 5 7 1
Chicago . . . 3 12 0
Bagby, Heving (8); Brown (9) and DeSautels; E. Smith and Tresh.

1st Game:
Detroit . . . 3 10 1
St. Louis . . . 9 16 1
Thomas, Giebell (4), and Sullivan; Allen and Ferrell.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis . . . 1 5 2
Cincinnati . . . 2 6 1
Nahem and Mancuso, Padgett (7); Vander Meer and Lombardi.

Chicago . . . 6 11 2
Pittsburgh . . . 9 12 2
Lee, Pressnell (5) and McCullough, Olsen (8); Sullivan, Klingner (7) and Lopez.
Boston . . . 1 3 0
Brooklyn . . . 2 8 1
Early, Hutchings (8) and Masi; Wyatt and Franks.

RUSSIANS SAY GERMANS NOT ACROSS RIVER

Conflicting Reports On Moscow Threat Cloud Status

By The Associated Press
A German invasion force, at last smashing into the Stalin line, has crossed the bloody Berezina river and reached the banks of the Dnepr in its two-week old drive toward Moscow, the German high command reported today.

This flat announcement was made in the face of Russia claims that the Berezina river sector had been turned into a water death trap for thousands of Germans and meant, if true, that the Germans were about 300 miles from Moscow, having traversed more than 300 miles of Russian territory, counting the Polish buffer zone.

750,000 Dead, Claim
Russian claims were heightened by a declaration that the drive thus far had cost the Germans nearly 750,000 losses in dead, wounded and prisoners—a smashing of the elite divisions of the German army.

The Hitler command used the reiterative phrase, "operations . . . proceeding according to plan," and said that "several thousand prisoners" had been taken in encounters between German reserves and scattered Russian detachments south of the Pinsk marshes.

A credit went to Hungarian forces for their report that Kolomoia and Stanislawok in a southern sector of the great battlefield had been captured.

Finnish units at the side of Germans were said to have progressed "despite great difficulties of terrain and stubborn resistance."

Puzzling News
The situation in the Minsk-Moscow sector was puzzling. The Germans reported the Dnepr river had been reached, meaning they had crossed the Berezina. The Russians said attempts of the Germans to cross the Berezina and the Dnepr rivers had been frustrated.

Obviously, no attempt could (Continued on Page Two)

Turkish Frontier Reached in Syrian Drive, Report

VICHY, July 5 (AP)—British troops were reported today to have reached the Syrian-Turkish frontier in a push along the railway from Mosul, cutting off the northeast corner of Syria.

Military dispatches to Vichy said the drive reached the frontier at Kamechle, but that the border town itself had not fallen.

A little farther south, British forces were reported encircling Dier-Ez-Zor. Two English-Indian divisions were said to be participating in the attack. (The British said they had taken this garrison.)

French military circles, considering the weight and force of the thrust into the northwest from Iraq, believed it designed as an eventual pincer movement in conjunction with the attack from the south.

The object of the drive would be to cut Syria off from Turkey.

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