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 Max. (July 18) 88 Min. 54
 Precipitation last 24 hours .09
 Stream year to date 9.88
 Normal 12.05 Last year 17.78
 Forecast: Thunder storms.

Demo Leaders Urge Wallace To Quit Race

By JACK BELL

CHICAGO, July 19 (AP)—Democratic party leaders were reported exerting pressure on Vice President Wallace to quit the race for renomination today as big city organization chairmen aimed toward a first ballot choice of Senator Harry Truman of Missouri as President Roosevelt's running mate.

With convention delegates preparing to swoop it up when Gov. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma delivers a keynote speech tonight, Mr. Roosevelt himself gave impetus to a movement toward Truman by listing him as his second choice for second place on the ticket and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas as third.

The president's communication reportedly was delivered over the telephone to National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan and typed out in a hotel office in the early hours of the morning. It was said to describe Truman or Douglas as acceptable to him for a running mate.

But Vice President Wallace told a news conference today: "I am in this fight to the finish."

"That is the only statement I care to make," Wallace said. Earlier he had conferred with labor leaders backing his candidacy.

Byrnes Out

The presidential communication forced War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes out of the race before the opening session of the convention got under way today with a parade of speeches that sounded like nominating addresses for the president. Mr. Roosevelt will be picked for a fourth term tomorrow and accept in a radio address to the convention scheduled for 8:30 p. m. Central war time.

They were putting the steam on Wallace to quit, but Wallace (Continued on Page Seven)

MILL WORKERS LEAVE JOBS AT KESTERSON

Entire Crew Takes Part In Walkout Here

About 200 men and women, the entire crew of Kesterson's lumber mill, walked off the job Wednesday morning in disagreement with the management over vacation plans and one or two other items which had not been divulged this afternoon, according to the IWA office.

A statement of the employees' complaints has been sent to the management. No answer had been received by the strikers early Wednesday afternoon.

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RUSSIANS OPEN NEW OFFENSE IN BALTIC

LONDON, July 19 (AP)—Russian troops have opened a new offensive on their third Baltic front south of Ostrov, Premier Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

Red army troops have forded the River Vellava and broken through powerful and deeply-staggered enemy defenses south of Ostrov, Stalin declared in an order of the day.

Ostrov is south of Pskov near the Latvian border, and south-east of the Estonian border.

In two days of fighting, soviet troops broke through to a depth of 25 miles on a salient 48 miles broad, the order recorded by the soviet monitor said.

The third Baltic army under General Maslennikov captured 48 Mile Salient (Continued on Page Seven)

Two Tulelake Boys in Area Of Explosion

Two Tulelake boys were known to have been in the vicinity of the dual explosions at Port Chicago, California, on Monday night. They are Elmer and Eugene Garrett, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett of Tulelake.

Elmer Garrett, a chief petty officer on a transport, notified his parents and friends after the explosion, letting them know that he is all right, but there is some concern about Eugene, a machinist on a ship stationed at the port.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett were in Grants Pass Wednesday.

Domei Promises 'Important' News

NEW YORK, July 19 (AP)—Tokyo's Domei agency today promised "important news" tomorrow.

U. S. government monitors said that Domei—which yesterday announced Premier Hideki Tojo had been relieved as army chief of staff—had instructed the Japanese press to "be certain to receive" the important news at 6:30 a. m. Pacific war time, today. Later Domei said it had been decided the news should be held up until tomorrow.

Finn Flagship Sunk by Reds

MOSCOW, July 19 (AP)—The red air force announced today the sinking of the flagship of the Finnish fleet, the 3900-ton coastal defense ship Valamoinen, with four direct hits in waters near Kitka island.

The 305-foot ship was commissioned in 1930. She mounted four 10-inch, eight 4-inch and four 2-pounder guns.

Explosion Wrecks Railroad Station



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Fires, Minor Crop Damage, Power Failures Caused by Violent Electrical Storm

A violent electrical storm, accompanied by wind, rain, and hail, swept over the Klamath Basin and surrounding areas last night, causing spotted damage to crops, interrupting power service, and setting numerous fires in woods and brush land.

Lightning struck the roof of the Levi Zentner potato warehouse in Malin and fire broke out on the roof later. The Malin fire department was called to put out the blaze and there was little damage.

Cornic Burners Vera L. Crisler of 45 Pine reported that the wood cornice under the tile roof at her home caught on fire after being struck by lightning but the fire was quickly extinguished by the rain.

Light and telephone service was disrupted in various parts of the Klamath basin during the storm with lines to Lakeview and Malin still out Wednesday morning. It was believed that all service would be restored to normal by Wednesday. Minor disruptions in power service were general from Fort Klamath to Tulelake.

Fires Reported Lookouts began calling from mountain tops early this morning after sighting smoke from lightning strikes in forest areas. Horsely mountain lookout reported 12 fires by early afternoon and there were six from the Silver Lake district, two from Swan Lake district and two from the Round Lake area. The Klamath Forest Protective association, the Indian service, and (Continued on Page Seven)

Willis Mahoney to Open Campaign In August

CHICAGO, July 19 (AP)—Willis Mahoney, democratic nominee for the U. S. senate from Oregon, announced today that he would return to his home state in August to launch his campaign.

Sen. Guy Cordon, Mahoney's republican opponent, is expected to remain in Washington, D. C., during the pre-election months.

Boy Dies in Silverton Fire

SILVERTON, July 19 (AP)—Three-year-old William Alden Jr., died today in a fire that razed his parents' home here, and sent his mother to the hospital with severe burns.

Mrs. William Alden Sr., awakened by the smell of smoke, fought her way through flames to rescue two smaller children, but was unable to save her elder son.

In another fire near here this morning, the Evans Lumber company sawmill was completely destroyed at a loss estimated by William Evans, manager, at \$35,000. A Southern Pacific freight car standing nearby was damaged.

Wallace Arrives At Convention

CHICAGO, July 19 (AP)—Vice President Wallace arrived today to take personal charge of his campaign for re-nomination by the democrats.

Told when he stepped from the train that War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes had taken himself out of the vice presidential race, Wallace remarked: "Well, that takes care of that."

Refusing to say what he thought his own chances were, Wallace added, "I'm just out here as chairman of the Iowa delegation."

PORT TO REBUILD AFTER EXPLOSION

By The Associated Press PORT CHICAGO, Calif., July 19 (AP)—Reconstruction of the navy's Port Chicago ammunition depot began today as the death toll in the nation's worst wartime explosion approximated 350.

All available construction workers were urged to report immediately to the devastated area where the explosions of two ammunition ships late Monday night shattered the munitions base and the town of 1500 as well.

Shakes 14 Counties The blasts, two seconds apart, shook 14 counties and their earthquake-like effects were felt 80 miles away.

The cause remained undetermined. Navy and federal bureau of investigation agents were on hand for an investigation, but the devastation left little to investigate.

No Close Survivors "There are no close survivors to give evidence of what happened," said Capt. N. H. Ross, who had jurisdiction over the depot.

Official sources gave this ap- (Continued on Page Seven)

Fires Reported In Lane County

EUGENE, Ore., July 19 (AP)—More than 35 lightning fires started in Lane county during the night after a large storm crossed the area, reports from the office of the Willamette national forest and the eastern and western Lane county fire patrol associations indicated today.

There may be more fires reported during the day, it was indicated, because visibility was low this morning, that not all of the forest areas were visible. None of the fires have reached the danger stage, the forester said.

U. S. Battleships Destroy Japanese Defenses on Guam

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, July 19 (AP)—Battleships, using spotter planes, are blowing up Japanese defenses on Guam at can't-miss range while southwest Pacific bombers send to the ocean bottom the men and supplies needed by other hard-pressed enemy garrisons.

This outline of late developments—piled on those which already have caused Japan to reshuffle top army and navy posts—was sketched today in reports of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Move In on Guam Nimitz said that battleships, battering Guam Sunday for the second straight day, moved in closer to pick their targets and that enemy anti-aircraft guns firing on the spotter planes were silenced by offshore destroyers. Cruisers also joined in the attack.

MacArthur announced new aerial blows against Japanese shipping in the southwest Pacific, making the totals listed in 19 July communique:

25 Destroyers Twenty-five ships definitely sunk, ranging up to a 4000 ton freighter.

Four ships probably sunk, ranging from 1000 to 3000 tons. Twenty-one ships damaged, ranging up to a 10,000 ton merchantman, some of which may have sunk.

TROOPS DRIVE FIVE MILES TOWARD PARIS

Rommel Puts Reserves Into Battle Below Caen

By WES GALLAGHER SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 19 (AP)—British forces bursting into the battle-churned open plain below Caen have smashed the first German counterattack mounted by picked Nazi tank divisions, it was disclosed tonight, and have driven five miles southeast of that battle-torn town on the road to Paris.

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was throwing in his reserve of his best forces, and a battle of rising fury for high stakes raged over flat terrain.

No New Details Supreme headquarters gave no new details on this mammoth engagement, but other British forces struck forward along the center, extending the blazing front to 20 miles.

Americans wiped out pocketed Germans north of fallen St. Lo. The doughboys made a 2 1/2 mile advance, wrecked 16 Nazi tanks staging a futile counterattack, and reached the east bank of the Vire river all along this sector. The towns of La Capelle and Grand Hamel were captured.

Capture Town The British advance toward the center captured Hottot-Les-Bagues, long a thorn in the Allied line, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Tilly-sur-Seulles. They widened a wedge around Noyers on the Caen-Villers Bocage road, and beat back enemy counterblows at Maltot, between the Orne and Odon rivers.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, who estimated 156,000 Germans have been "written off" since June 6, sent his high-powered offensive through shattered German defenses into plain country "excellent" for tank maneuvers, penetrating at least five miles to Cagny on the road to Vimont.

9-13 Divisions From nine to 13 German divisions were being hammered by the British second army.

Supreme headquarters disclosed Montgomery's push early yesterday had sprung from a bridgehead established across the (Continued on Page Seven)

'Unloaded' Gun Kills Youngster

PORTLAND, July 19 (AP)—An "unloaded" gun was blamed today for the accidental fatal shooting of seven-year-old Ronald P. Fritts, route 1, Eagle Creek, by a playmate.

Plenn MacDonald, state police officer, gave this account of the accident:

Ronald, his sister Betty, 9, and David Taylor, 10, were alone in the Taylor home. David brought out his father's rifle, loaded it with cartridges and ejected them to show how it worked.

"Shoot me," Ronald said in fun. David did and Ronald fell dead with a bullet in his neck.

Chinese Advance On Hengshan

CHUNGKING, July 19 (AP)—A strong force of Chinese which broke out of encircled Hengyang in Huana province is advancing on Hengshan, important Japanese base about 25 miles to the northeast, the Chinese high command said tonight.

The Hengshan base includes the headquarters of the attacking Japanese, transferred there from the provincial capital of Changsha, the high command said.

Behind this force, other Chinese were frustrating numerous Japanese attacks in the city, and counterattacks in the suburbs have cracked the ring of encirclement established since the beginning of the month, the high command said.

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	1	7	1
Boston	6	10	0
Chipman and Fleming (7)			
Williams; Andrews and Klutz.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Washington	1	11	3
Detroit	2	7	2
Leonard and Ferrell; Overmire and Swift.			

Fifth Army Takes Livorno From Retreating Germans

By EDWARD KENNEDY ROME, July 19 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fifth army captured Livorno today, executing a wide pincer movement which forced the Germans from this third largest seaport in Italy a few hours after Polish troops had seized Ancona, important port on the Adriatic.

Livorno (Leghorn) lies only a few miles from Pisa, western anchor of the next German defense line.

No effort to defend the city street by street was made by the German troops, who previously had resorted to every military device in their efforts to dodge and delay the American advance.

The capture came after the infantrymen seized the hills overlooking the great port late yesterday. Sporadic but nonetheless vicious artillery, mortar and small arms resistance was put up by the Germans before the city.

The harbor of Livorno, the busiest between Rome and Genoa, is the grave of many sunken ships, mostly victims of the allied air forces. To the north, astride the Arno river, Pisa is clearly visible.

The allies scored another stinging victory on the east coast in the capture of Ancona by eighth army Polos. The city occupies an amphitheater between limestone promontories bordering the Bay of Ancona and has (Continued on Page Seven)

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS WAR and politics vie for our interest in the news today, as the war takes precedence. It begins to MOVE FAST.

MONTGOMERY'S British and Canadians BREAK Rommel's River Orne defenses east of Caen and CRASH THROUGH to open tank country beyond.

This morning's dispatches restate long lines of tanks, armored cars and trucks, running bumper bumper FOR MILES, moving behind the allied spearhead that broke through.

Monty is backing his attack WITH POWER.

THE power back of Montgomery's drive is indicated by the fact that Rommel threw everything he had this morning in a counter-attack that was MASHED.

MONTGOMERY tells the correspondents that the allies have captured 60,000 and BURIED 8000 Germans in Normandy.

He adds it's a reasonable estimate that we've written off 50,000 nazis (killed, wounded and captured).

(That, rather than taking towns, is what will win the war.) He then sums up: "Our object is to write off German personnel and equipment—bleed the German military machine to death and the time will come when the enemy can't go on."

IN Italy, Clark's 5th army takes Livorno. The leaning tower of Pisa, just to the north, is clearly visible. Livorno and Pisa are the western "Anchors" of the Germans' Army line in Italy. On the Adriatic end, POLISH troops take the port of Ancona.

Russian armies pour through HUGE holes in Hitler's eastern front from the Carpathians to Latvia, a distance of 450 miles. Moscow says the Russians are in the outer defenses of Brest-Litovsk, on the Bug, and adds that red forces have CROSSED THE CURZON LINE to the north.

(Crossing the Curzon line will be interesting to Russian-haters, who have contended that the reds will never move out of what they regard as Russian territory.)

DOWN toward the Carpathians, between Tarnopol and Kovel, Marshal Konev breaks through the German defense and gains 31 miles in three days. From this breakthrough he can fan out to the north or the south (or both), trapping Germans.

THERE'S a new Russian drive directed at Lwow, one of Europe's greatest railroad centers. It is backed by one of the greatest air forces yet sent against the Germans in the east.

A GERMAN tank general just taken by the Russians complains today that Hitler orders EVERY FOOT of ground held and when his experienced generals tell him he hasn't the reserves to get away with it he fires them.

He describes the nazis' defeats in Russia and Poland as an example of the "talentless" Hitler command.

THERE'S an interesting story from official allied sources in Cairo.

It relates that a German military conference was called in Athens to discuss important matters of policy. An argument developed. Pistols were drawn and SENIOR officers started shooting.

When the ruckus ended SIX had been killed.

GERMAN officers didn't quarrel and shoot each other back in the days when they were winning everywhere. NOW their nerves are frayed tight by fear and adversity.

"When thieves fall out, honest men come into their own."

IN the Pacific, U. S. battleships, standing off at dead-duck range and using spotter planes to call their shots, are blowing up Jap defenses on Guam. Destroyers close in to point-blank range and silence the Jap anti-aircraft batteries that are shooting at the spotter planes.

(That's what happens when the enemy gets short of planes.)

POSTSCRIPT to Saipan: 1620 Jap soldiers were TAKEN PRISONER, and 10,000 were killed. 3,800 Jap civilians gave themselves up and were interned.

MACARTHUR reports the Japs moving troops, ammunition and oil into Halmahera island. During July his bombers have sunk 25 Jap ships definitely and, probably, damaged 21 more, and sunk or damaged 150 supply barges.

Halmahera is a sprawling island a little less than halfway from New Guinea to the southern Philippines. Your map will suggest that it will probably have to be taken as it will be useful to the Japs for launching flank attacks on us when we go after the Philippines.

THE big political news today is that FDR is probably abroad somewhere in his two-story (Continued on Page Seven)