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Stream year to date	10.62
Normal	12.31
Last year	17.85
Forecast:	Warmer.

NORTH FLANK MOVES EAST TO LE HAVRE

Eiffel Tower Sighted By American Patrols

By WES GALLAGHER
 SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 18 (AP)—American armored patrols were reported operating today in the vicinity of Paris, with its famous Eiffel tower already in sight, as supreme headquarters announced that the entire allied northern flank had begun moving eastward along the Normandy coast toward Le Havre.

(A dispatch of the German-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau said American tank columns were only 12 miles west of Paris and that there was "a war of movement in the area adjacent" to the capital. Transocean said U. S. armor had reached Rambouillet, 20 miles southwest of Paris on a highway from Chartres. On a northern Chartres-Paris highway to the south, German reports had placed an American spearhead at St. Arnoult, 23 miles from Paris.)

Author Falls
 A field dispatch from Associated Press War Correspondent Edward D. Ball disclosed the American approach to Paris without indicating how close the patrols had penetrated, but supreme headquarters announced the fall of Aulnoy, 30 miles southwest of the capital, and five miles nearer than advance elements had previously been disclosed officially.

Aulnoy, just west of Etampes, was captured by one of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's armored columns. (Continued on Page Two)

Conspirators Sentenced by Denver Court

DENVER, Aug. 18 (AP)—One of the three Japanese-American sisters convicted of conspiracy to commit treason, buxom Mrs. Tsuruko "Toots" Wallace, 35; today was sentenced to two years in the federal women's reformatory at Alderson, W. Va., and fined \$1000.

Her sisters, Mrs. Florence "Flo" Shive Otani, 33, and Mrs. Billie Shitara Tanigoshi, 32, Alderson and fined \$1000 each by U. S. District Judge J. Foster Symes.

Cooler Weather Moves to East

By The Associated Press
 The nation's last stronghold of heat and humidity gave way today to fresh, cool weather moving eastward, as New York City and New England were soothed by light rains and temperature drops of as much as 12 degrees.

New York City, which yesterday chalked up the hottest August 17 in its history with a 93-degree high, registered a morning temperature of 74 degrees compared with 86 at the same time yesterday.

In Boston, where record-shattering heat has held sway throughout August, a cool 75 was registered, breaking a seven-day spell of above-80 weather.

Ploesti Oil Fields Struck

ROME, Aug. 18 (AP)—The Mediterranean air force struck the Ploesti oil field installations in Romania again last night in the wake of a daylight attack yesterday by about 500 American heavy bombers and a large number of fighters.

The American attack caused fires and explosions in the big Romano American refinery. Bomb hits on other Ploesti targets, obscured by smoke screens and sent flames towering into the sky.

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Peace Agency May Be Set Before End of War, Report

By FLORA LEWIS
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—The possibility that a world peace agency can be established even before the end of the war in Europe arose today with Secretary of State Hull's disclosure that a United Nations conference on security plans may be held this fall.

American officials say it has not been decided whether the new world organization should be set up by treaty or ordinary legislation in each country.

This point will probably come under discussion at the talks between Russia, Britain and the United States opening at Dumbarton Oaks here Monday.

However, it is now clear that in contrast to the Paris conference after the last war, the long-range peace settlement, including boundaries and territorial adjustments, will come after the establishment of a new association of nations.

Diplomats who remember the deluge of claimants from all over the world on Paris, demanding increased territories or independence, are encouraged at the one-step-at-a-time process being used to make the peace after World War II.

Germans Burn Towns in Path Of Red Smash

By The Associated Press
 MOSCOW, Aug. 18—The Germans are setting fire to East Prussian frontier villages in the path of Russian divisions drawn up at the border, advices from the front said today.

Soviet fliers said the torch had been put to Schirwindt, among other villages, and that angry columns of smoke and flames were licking the East Prussian skies.

Gen. Ivan Cherniakhovsky's third white Russian army group was reported massing for a crossing of the Szesuppe river, which forms part of the German boundary.

The forces of the 37-year-old tank expert, after battling for two weeks against fresh Nazi infantry and armor in western Lithuania, succeeded in smashing German resistance and advancing to the East Prussia border yesterday, a soviet communique announced.

McLeod, Ostendorf Enter Three-Way Race for Post

Ed Ostendorf, retired automobile dealer, said today he is a candidate for mayor. His candidacy was revealed close on the heels of that of Kenneth McLeod, efficiency expert at a local mill, who took out petitions for the mayor's job yesterday.

That puts three in the field. City Councilman Walter Wiesendanger came out earlier in the week.

A mayoralty candidate must bring in nominating petitions containing 1100 voters' signatures to qualify finally as a ballot candidate for the No. 1 city job. McLeod is active in the Klamath Mineral club and for years has been interested in historical and scientific investigations in this area.

Ostendorf, who has lived in Klamath Falls about 20 years, will run on the basis of a "business man for a business job."

He stated he is in a position to devote his full time to the mayor's office.

Kiwanis, Shrine Member
 The former auto dealer is past president of the Kiwanis club, Shrine club and Automobile Dealers association. He has been active on the citizens' cemetery committee.

The mayoralty situation continued to dominate political discussion here. Wiesendanger came out first for the office, followed by Lynn Roycroft, who withdrew the day after his announcement.

John Ebinger, attorney, who has been prominently mentioned in the race, declared today he definitely will not be a candidate.

Narcotics Ring Smash Attempted

CHICAGO, Aug. 18 (AP)—Federal agents today were attempting to smash a nationwide narcotic syndicate after arresting Joe Tocco, 43, as he stepped from a California train carrying two bags, which the officers said contained 100 cans of narcotics valued at from \$25,000 to \$50,000 wholesale.

James Biggins, head of the Chicago narcotics division, announced that Tocco was seized Wednesday after the arrest in San Francisco of Sam Maugeri, 32.

Mad Colonel Surrenders

LONDON, Aug. 18 (AP)—The mad Col. Andreas von Aulock has surrendered the city of St. Malo after holding out 11 days under heavy American fire.

The German high command announced today that "the garrison of St. Malo succumbed to enemy superiority."

A wounded veteran of the Caucasus fighting who pledged to turn the battle of the Breton port into "another Stalingrad," Aulock was reported in a DNB broadcast to have messaged the Germans: "Further resistance had to cease as a result of lack of food. The fight is over. Hell Hitler."

Bulletin

LONDON, Aug. 18 (AP)—Troops of Marshal Ivan Konev's first Ukrainian army, taking by storm the city of Sandomierz after three days of bitter street fighting, have affected an encirclement of three German divisions in the area, the soviet communique announced tonight.

The Russians surged onward from Sandomierz, which is 110 miles south of Warsaw on the west bank of the Vistula river, and took 21 populated places, the bulletin said.

FRENCH FRONT EXPANDED BY SEVENTH ARMY

German Resistance Reported Weak In South

ROME, Aug. 18 (AP)—Forces of the U. S. seventh army swiftly expanded their front in southern France today, reaching the vicinity of Solles-Pont, six miles northeast of Toulon.

Other units, stalling northward against crumbling enemy resistance, advanced seven miles to the Brignoles area, 20 miles north of Toulon.

In the sectors farther east forward elements moved three miles or more west and southwest of Draguignan, a road center 18 miles inland in the Argens valley.

Triple Threat Made

East Prussia, where decisive battles of the first World War were fought, was threatened by three powerful Russian armies along a front nearly 200 miles long, extending from northern Poland at a point below the Suwalki triangle northward beyond the Niemen river in northern Lithuania.

The third white Russian army was reported 40 miles east of the rail city of Insterburg and 85 miles from the East Prussian capital city of Konigsberg, both astride its direct western route. It captured 30 settlements in the past 24 hours.

Low Wounded In French Action

Friends here have received word that PFC Richard Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lowe, now of Camarillo, Calif., was seriously wounded in action in France on July 17.

He is now receiving treatment in a hospital for his injuries, the nature of which have not been disclosed. He was with the army infantry.

His family moved only a few months ago to California. Dick is a KUHS graduate.

Ankara Reports New Landings

LONDON, Aug. 18 (AP)—The Ankara radio reported today that allied forces had landed at Durazzo, the principal port of Albania on the Adriatic sea across from the heel of the Italian boot. More than 10 hours following the broadcast there was no confirmation.

Tirana, capital of Albania, 20 miles inland, was bombed by allied planes Tuesday. Guerrillas have been carrying on warfare against the Germans in cooperation with Marshal Tito's Yugoslav partisans.

Paris Radio Goes Silent

LONDON, Aug. 18 (AP)—The Paris radio went silent today after reporting yesterday that the allies had started an all-out drive for the capital.

During a silence lasting 24 hours the British Broadcasting Corp. instead of getting Paris during regular news periods heard a voice on the Paris wave length shouting in German: "They are coming." The Yanks, of course.

Patch Nominated For Promotion

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated for promotion to lieutenant general, Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Jr., commander of the 7th American army now invading southern France.

Patch holds the temporary rank of major general and his present permanent rank is colonel of infantry.

Yanks Go Ashore In Southern France



American soldiers wade through the water from an LCI to the beach at a point east of Toulon as the new invasion of France along the Mediterranean opens. Another LCI is at the left. (AP wirephoto from U. S. signal corps radio photo).

NAZIS CAPITULATE TO FRENCH TROOPS

THE SWISS-FRENCH FRONTIER AT ANNEMASSE, Aug. 18 (AP)—Three hundred Germans of an Annesse capitulated to French partisans and 120 others fled to internment in neutral Switzerland after a sharp three-hour battle early today.

The victory gave the Maquis full control of the Haute Savoie frontier along the south shore of Lake Geneva from St. Golph, westward to a point just outside Bellaguard, and inland to a depth of almost 75 miles.

The exuberant population of approximately 5000 paraded the streets singing the Marseillaise.

With shouts of "Vive De Gaulle," the tricolor was hoisted on every house. Excited women tossed stones at German prisoners.

The Maquis, well armed, started moving into Annemasse at 8 a. m. They chased the Nazi frontier guards into Swiss Mollensaz for internment and then, at 6:30, attacked the remaining Germans who had barricaded themselves in the Hotel Pax in the center of the town.

The Nazis, harassed by snipers throughout the night, gave up when expected reinforcements from Annecy were unable to break through the partisan lines.

Jap Forces Try To Cut Retreat

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18 (AP)—Japanese forces in Hunan province, striking simultaneously from north and south, are making a determined effort to cut off the retreat of Chinese troops which have been attacking the vital rail junction of Hengyang from the southwest, a Chinese army spokesman said today.

The spokesman, Maj. Gen. C. Tseng, declared the enemy had brought two more divisions into Hunan from the Honan and Nanking areas, giving them a total strength of more than 10 divisions — or about 210,000 men — in the area southward from Changsha.

Navy to Compel Overtime Work

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18 (AP)—The navy, with full cooperation of the department of justice, pledged by Attorney General Francis Biddle, moved today to invoke further sanctions against machinists, to compel complete compliance with orders that they work overtime in five shops turning out engine bearings.

Biddle conferred late yesterday with Rear Admiral H. G. Bowen, in charge of the shops seized by the government, and Bowen's office said the attorney general had expressed "complete satisfaction with the various steps taken by Admiral Bowen."

FDR Plans New Nations' League

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (AP)—President Roosevelt plans to submit a new "League of Nations" to the senate and later to ask it for power to enforce peace treaties, the New York Times says in a dispatch from Washington.

The newspaper says that by separating the world security organization from peace treaties, the administration hopes to get the new league operating possibly before the end of the war. Present plans, it added, aim for a treaty establishing the new security organization for presentation to the senate before the first of the year with hopes that it will be ratified before spring.

Air, Naval Blockade Hits Jap Shipping Near Islands

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 18 (AP)—An allied air and naval blockade spread creeping paralysis today across vital sea lanes below the Philippines, posing an ultimate threat to all Japanese holdings south of China.

Already enemy garrisons on islands scattered along a distance of 800 miles are forced to rely on makeshift shipping, inadequate "for even essential items such as munitions and aviation gasoline."

Fifth Raid Reported
 A graphic picture of this mounting disaster for Nippon was presented today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in a communique reporting the fifth air raid this month on the Philippines and the knocking out of 23 planes at neutralized Halmahera.

MacArthur said Japan's big ships no longer dare venture southeast of a line curved from the Philippines through Celebes and Ceram.

Only small ships, sailing vessels, luggers and "local small craft" supply outlying garrisons on Halmahera and in the Ceram, Banda and Arafura seas.

In that area, extending south toward Australia, are such enemy bases as Ceram, Ambino, Boeroe, the Kai, Aroe and Tanimbar islands.

Today's communique reported the sinking of a 1000 ton freighter in Davao gulf, southern Philippines, by aerial bombing. It also told of an 87-ton bomber of Halmahera where 88 planes have been destroyed or put out of action, virtually all of them on the ground, in half a month.

Italian Front Reported Quiet

ROME, Aug. 18 (AP)—The tense situation in the northern portions of Florence, into which German tanks yesterday were reported to have penetrated, was described officially as much easier today, but there still was a certain amount of enemy sniping from the northwest and northeast suburbs.

Activity along the rest of the Italian front as a whole remained slight, limited almost entirely to minor patrol clashes and artillery duels.

Enemy Submarine Fires at Ship

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Aug. 18 (AP)—An enemy submarine surfaced recently in the North Atlantic and fired four shots, barely missing the 74-foot New Bedford scalloper The Friars, crew members said today.

Captain John Annesen of New York skippered the boat. The submarine surfaced slowly, fired four shots, then became silent.

The navy said it was the first submarine that had been sighted in two months in the North Atlantic.

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Expanding the front in southern France, American units spearheaded inland against crumbling Nazi resistance. One force has reached the Brignoles area, and forward elements are nearing Draguignan. The former French naval base at Toulon has been endangered by Gen. Patch's forces, officially reported 10 miles from Toulon and six miles from Cannes. Black arrows show the general direction of beachhead forces who made the invasion.

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