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 Maximum (Aug. 30) 92 Minimum 42
 Precipitation last 24 hours .00
 Stream year to date 10.82
 Normal 12.41 Last year 17.98
 Forecast: Partly cloudy.

Russian Army Enters Bucharest

TOWNS TAKEN AS GERMANS FLEE RHONE

GI's Occupy Valence, French Move Into Montpellier

By NOLAN NORGAARD
 ROME, Aug. 31 (AP)—American troops pursuing the fleeing Germans up the Rhone valley have occupied Valence while the French pushed on to enter Montpellier, six miles inland near the mid-point of the French Mediterranean coast.

Valence is 27 miles north of captured Montelimar. Twenty five miles west of Montelimar the French reached Largenti.

Other French columns sweeping southwest from the mouth of the Rhone progressed 80 miles beyond the river without opposition. Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's headquarters announced tonight. Besides Montelimar, which is the capital of Herault department and a city of 80,000, they punched through Beziers and Narbonne—the latter only 60 miles from the Spanish border.

Race Toward Lyon
 Remnants of the German 19th army raced desperately north toward Lyon today, fighting costly rearguard actions with the pursuing Americans while only when necessary.

Other seventh army units moved through the French Riviera metropolis of Nice toward the Italian frontier, some 12 miles ahead.

Nice, with a population of 200,000 and the largest of the Riviera's famed playgrounds, (Continued on Page Two)

Berry Pickers Advised to Save Gas on Holiday

Those planning to spend their Labor Day vacation picking huckleberries on Huckleberry mountain are advised to save their gas by Alice Hamilton, lookout at the mountain.

Alcohol Output Tops Estimate

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 31 (AP)—Approximately 20,000,000 proof gallons of beverage alcohol, more than previously estimated, have been produced by Kentucky distilleries during the August holiday from war alcohol making.

German Control, Postwar Security Set for Talks

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—It now seems certain that before another month passes, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill will meet to formalize plans for the control of Germany and the immediate postwar security of the western world.



Gen. Jacques LeClerc, (with cane), commander of the 2nd French armored division, inspects one of his units at the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, during the celebration marking the liberation of the French capital. (AP wirephoto).

Underground Seizes Most Of Slovak Land in Fights With Occupation Forces

LONDON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Czechoslovakian underground forces have seized almost all Slovak territory with the exception of border areas, and the Germans have thrown tanks into heavy fighting, the commander of the Czech forces in Slovakia reported today through London headquarters.

The announcement said heavy fighting raged for the towns of Zilina, Galanta, Lucenec, Levoča and Kezmarok. The Germans threw tanks into the fighting for the first time since they changed hands twice and now is in possession of the Czechs.

Czech forces fighting in Lucenec and Galanta were in territory ceded to Hungary after Munich.

Berlin acknowledged today that revolutionary movement had broken out in its puppet state of Slovakia and that some garrisons had deserted.

The official German news agency, DNB, said riots occurred at several places in Slovakia and quoted a German foreign office spokesman as saying they could be traced to activity of partisans and agents of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia.

Bolshevik Character
 DNB said the outbreaks "had rather the character of bolshevik terror" starting with murder of priests and violation of women.

The agency reported that Jo (Continued on Page Two)

House Defeats Benefits Effort

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—The house defeated overwhelmingly today an effort to liberalize postwar jobless benefits, and then turned to consideration of legislation leaving unemployment compensation entirely in the hands of the states.

The action came on a substitute demobilization and reconversion bill offered by Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.) which, while leaving administration to the states, would have set federal standards for jobless payments—ranging up to 52 weeks at \$25 weekly. It was rejected on a teller count of 188 to 54.

Churchill Sends Poles Message

LONDON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, in a message to Poland on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the German attack, declared tonight the day of liberation was drawing near and "a new Poland will be born" from the sacrifice of Poles at home and abroad.

7000 Germans Captured In Encirclement

LONDON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Russia's second army of the Ukraine entered the Romanian capital of Bucharest today and captured more than 7000 Germans in an encirclement, Moscow announced tonight.

Another spearhead striking 30 miles below the captured port of Constanta reached Caracoreu, on the Bulgarian frontier in southern Dobrudja, it was announced.

In this great trap sprung by the troops of Gen. Dodion Y. Malinovsky, the soviet forces took two more generals, the commander of the 76th German infantry division and the former commander of the garrison at Iasi, Moscow's broadcast communique said.

Among the enemy dead in this area was found the body of Gen. Miecz, commander of the fourth German army corps, the Russians said.

More than 250 populated places were reported seized during the day in the Romanian drive.

In the Warsaw sector, red army counterattacks considerably improved soviet positions above the eastern suburb of Praga, the communique announced, and led to the capture of the railway station Radzynia, 11 miles northeast of Praga.

The victory at Bucharest climaxed a 12-day campaign as the dusty soldiers strode down Calea Victoriei, the city's main street, another Russian army 600 miles to the north fought for Warsaw, the capital of Poland.

Communique Sent
 News of the Bucharest victory, for which Russia and the other United Nations had been waiting, was announced by Premier Marshal Josef Stalin in an order of the day to Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky, whose second Ukrainian army brushed past the last German resistance and broke into the city.

The way to the capital was all but wide open after the Germans had been routed from the Ploesti oil fields, last major source of Nazi oil in Europe.

Threat Liquidated
 "Our troops thus liquidated the German threat to the Ro (Continued on Page Two)

ALLIES KNOCK OUT 23 JAP VESSELS

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 31 (AP)—Allied airmen stalking Japanese ships from the Kuriles northeast of Nippon to the Dutch East Indies have knocked out 23 more vessels, 10 of them sunk.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today listed nine enemy craft destroyed, small freighters, coastal vessels and barges—the types which he said were the sole supply carriers for many Japanese East Indies garrisons.

These and the 10 or more ships damaged, including a 700-ton (Continued on Page Two)

August Heat Wave Broken

A late August heat wave had broken today, when temperatures were approximately 30 degrees under those of Wednesday. An accompanying rise in humidity slightly lessened forest fire danger, but foresters warned that there can be no relaxation of vigilance until a general fall rain.

Afternoon temperature reading here was 61 today, as compared with a maximum of 92 Wednesday.

Willkie Keeps Parties Guessing

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (AP)—Wendell L. Willkie may keep the republicans and democrats guessing until only a few days before the election, but intimate friends here are betting the 1940 GOP presidential nominee will stick with his adopted party.

15 PASSENGERS HOSPITALIZED IN BUS WRECK

Steering Gear Jam Believed Cause Of Accident

Thirteen people were receiving treatment in Klamath Falls hospitals today for injuries received Wednesday afternoon when a Pacific Greyhound bus slid over an embankment near Grass Lake south of Dorris. Two others were reported to be getting medical attention in Dorris and Yreka.

The bus left the Weed highway about noon Wednesday when the steering gear jammed, according to state highway officers. It slid over a 20-foot embankment and partially overturned after the driver, Wes Sterling of Redding, had lost control on an incline.

Women's ambulance corps equipment and Wards ambulance brought casualties from the scene of the accident to hospitals.

Klamath Woman Hurt
 Only one Klamath Falls woman was on the bus. She was Mrs. Louise Laurie, 412 Oak, who is in Klamath Valley hospital receiving treatment for a broken ankle. Corporal Daniel Rodriguez, stationed with the MP battalion at Camp Tule Lake, received minor injuries but was not hospitalized here.

Those en route to Klamath Falls were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Birch of Corning, Calif.; Mrs. Effie McEwen of Eldridge, Calif.; Norman B. Gage of Saco (Continued on Page Two)

Murphy to Aid In Government Of Germany

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP) Robert D. Murphy, political adviser to General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's Mediterranean high command, is going to London with the personal rank of ambassador to participate in the allied military government of Germany, the state department said today.

Murphy will be the ranking diplomat on Eisenhower's staff, topping Samuel Reber, who was named several days ago to succeed William Phillips, Phillips was Eisenhower's diplomatic adviser.

Gen. Montgomery Gets Promotion

LONDON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was elevated tonight to the rank of field marshal, effective tomorrow. The war office announced that King George VI had approved the promotion of the hero of El Alamein, who now directs British armies in northern France.

Montgomery's elevation was announced several hours after Gen. Eisenhower, supreme invasion commander, stated that Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley had been elevated to a full American field commander of equal status with Montgomery.

Baseball Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	E	S
Washington	4	10	5
New York	9	10	3
Haefner and Ferrell; Dubiel and Garbark.			

Polish Coalition Cabinet Formation Offered to Reds

LONDON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Prime Minister Mikolajczyk of the Polish government in exile announced today an offer to Russia to form a coalition cabinet with equal representation of Poland's five parties.

On the eve of the fifth anniversary of the German attack on Poland starting this war, the prime minister said his nation's fate is a "great test case for the world."

He said Warsaw again had called for help, but that the Russians had not yet granted permission for allied shuttle planes to land on soviet soil in order to support Gen. Bor's still-fighting patriot army in the capital.

Near End of War
 "We are near the end of this war," Mikolajczyk said, "the ideological principles of the war,

BRITONS TAKE AMIENS, CROSS SOMME RIVER

U.S. Column Overruns Laon, Stabs North Toward Border

By JAMES M. LONG
 SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 31 (AP)—U. S. third army patrols have lanced into the Argonne forest, 70 miles from Germany, and the Siegfried line, a field dispatch said tonight as British tanks on the west seized Amiens and smashed across the Somme river in a drive that carried 60 miles in 48 hours.

In the famous Argonne forest the doughboys reached the region whence the allies in the first World War launched the final grand offensive that forced the Germans to sue for peace.

Laon Overrun
 Another column from the U. S. first army, keeping pace with these lightning advances, overran Laon and stabbed on north along the last 30 miles to Belgium with such bewildering speed that they overwhelmed three trainloads of German soldiers trying to escape.

The speed of the advance, virtually uncontested along a 150-mile arc at the Somme and approaching the Meuse river, indicated that the Germans had given up the last pretense of a rearguard stand and were in open flight through Belgium back to the imperiled homeland.

Somme Barrier Gone
 The Somme itself had been considered a natural barrier along which the enemy might try to fashion some sort of a stand, but the capture of the city of Amiens, which straddles the river, blasted this possibility.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower declared that now the allied campaign to liberate northern France was at least five days ahead of schedule, and it appeared that the Germans were not trying to sidetrack it.

Bomb Coast Doomed
 With the Canadians mopping up the big river port of Rouen, 25 miles inland from Dieppe, and the British 25 miles inland from Abbeville at Amiens, half the German robot bomb coast and any forces garrisoning it seemed doomed.

There was no rest anywhere for the disorganized Germans, and allied drives mushroomed over battlefields of the first World War, covering in an hour territory that it once took days and weeks to conquer.

Seize St. Didier
 One force of Americans, heading east for the German frontier, seized St. Didier, 18 miles southeast of fallen Vitry and pressed on to within 40 miles of the reverse Maginot line. The Saar (Continued on Page Two)

PAC Members Resign Posts

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Aug. 31 (AP)—Nine members of the industrial trades union's political action committee (PAC) have announced their resignations in the belief that the PAC policy is "detrimental to the best interests of labor."

The announcement was contained in a statement, made public last night, and signed by nine of the 21 members of the committee.

The industrial trades union is affiliated with the united labor PAC, Rhode Island's counterpart of the CIO-PAC.

Pesaro Falls to Polish Troops

ROME, Aug. 31 (AP)—The Adriatic port of Pesaro, one of the eastern anchors of the Germans' Gothic line, has fallen to Polish troops, and allied forces now are in contact with strong enemy positions further inland after storming across the Foglia river on a broad front, it was announced today.

Dispatches from the front said that in some places further west eighth army troops drove across the Foglia so swiftly that the Germans had not even had time to lay mines.

Headquarters said, however, that the forces already at grips with positions in the Gothic line—on which the enemy is expected to make his main stand in defense of northern Italy—were meeting stiff resistance.

Cigarette Funds Stolen in Store

"Meanest man in the world" story for the week was reported by T. C. Griggs, manager of the Safeway store on South Sixth.

A jar placed in the store by the Commandos to collect donations to buy cigarettes for the soldiers was stolen last night when it was almost full, containing about \$15.