

FIRST ARMY ENTERS BELGIUM

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Weather News

September 2, 1944
Max. (Sept. 1) 83 Min. 49
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 10.62
Normal 12.44
Forecast: Clear.

Twin Drives Cross Border Into Lowlands

By DON WHITEHEAD

SELOIGNES, Belgium, Sept. 2 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first American army drove twin spearheads into Belgium today.

The American troops crossed the French-Belgium border at 11 a. m. They had captured Maubeuge, France, five miles from the border. To the west an armored column seized Tournai, about 45 miles from Brussels.

As I write this I have before me a copy of the New York Sun of May 28, 1940, with the headline "King of Belgians Surrenders Army" and an Associated Press story datelined Paris which said:

"The Belgian army surrendered today on orders of King Leopold, Third, leaving the armies of Great Britain and France in an ominously weaker position to resist the Nazi drive toward the English channel."

But this is 1940 in reverse.

The Americans are rolling northward and this time it is the Nazi legions which are in an "ominously weaker position."

The American columns have completely disorganized the enemy. In the past eight days Lt. Gen. Omar M. Bradley's forces have rolled forward 120 air line miles and prisoners are being taken at the rate of 2000 to 3000 per day. The Germans withdrew last night and this morning from the Belgian border and our troops met only scattered resistance in the push north. Happy throngs greeted them at every crossroads.

SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sept. 2 (AP)—U. S. patrols are operating "right up to the Moselle river" near Germany, a field dispatch declared tonight, and Berlin radio said the American drive from Verdun had reached Thionville, on the Moselle, only 11 miles from the Reich's border.

A thrust to Thionville would put the Americans through the old Maginot line, and within some 20 miles of Saar river outposts of the Siegfried line where Hitler may try a stand in his homeland. Troops of the U. S. first army at the same time struck within five to eight miles of Belgium on a 30-mile front west of Sedan.

The battle for France was ending in a blazing victory, with promise of swift liberation of the (Continued on Page Two)

\$3000 THEFT INVESTIGATED AT CRESCENT

Mysterious theft of \$3000 from the Pastime pool hall at Crescent Lake was under investigation by Klamath county sheriff's officers today.

The money, which was in a cigar box back of the bar at the pool hall, was stolen some time Friday afternoon or early evening. J. V. Acuff, proprietor of the establishment, told officers that he took the money out of the safe to make change and cash checks Friday afternoon. He set the cigar box on the bar, and during several busy hours permitted it to remain there.

Back of Bar When he went to return it to the safe, about 8 p. m., it was gone. The thief had to go back of the bar to get hold of the box.

The cigar box was later found in an outhouse at the rear of the pool hall. One or two checks, which had been in the box, were found lying there, but the \$3000 in currency was gone. The currency included one \$500 bill, and about \$2000 in \$20 bills, with the remainder in smaller denominations.

No Developments A call was made this morning to the sheriff's office here. (Continued on Page Two)

Bear Dodges Two Rifle Shots to Escape Hunters

After dodging two rifle shots, the bear got away. That was the sad news brought back to town by J. Verne Owens and D. E. Smith of Copco, who had an experience with bruin in a field south of Klamath Agency Friday.

Owens and Smith were driving to the agency when they saw the bear, which has been committing depredations among farms in that area. They called to several Indians in a field who had a gun with them. There were only two cartridges for the gun, and Smith fired both of them without effect at the bear.

The two Copco men pursued the lumbering animal about the field, until he escaped through the fence.

Forecasts Hold Hope for Good Holiday Weather

Weather forecasts for the Labor Day weekend look hopeful for those planning to take vacation trips or those just planning to have a picnic in the back yard.

For Oregon the forecast is for clear weather Saturday with light frosts in valleys at high elevations Saturday night. Clear and warmer is the prediction for Sunday and Monday.

Threshing of Bumper Crop Opens on Leased Lake Land

TULELAKE—Combines bit early this week into thousands of acres of grain, principally Hannechen barley, to begin threshing of what now appears to be a bumper crop on leased land of Tulelake and Lower Klamath lake. While some spotted damage resulted from a hail storm in early July and from feeding of early arrivals of waterfowl, the crop promises to equal that of last season. Total acreage this year is approximately 20,000 acres.

A total of 225 men went into the fields on the opening day of the harvest and this number will be augmented by 125 more the first of next week when the harvest will swing into its peak, it was announced Thursday by W. H. Anderson, Siskiyou county horticulturist. None of the 55 Mexican nationals brought here last week for the harvest season or German prisoners have as yet been employed in the grain harvest. Buyers are on the ground this week to analyze samples of the crop for malt content, with Ray Welsh representing Ann (Continued on Page Four)

British Break Gothic Line; GI's Win Pisa

By GEORGE TUCKER
ROME, Sept. 2 (AP)—American fifth army troops captured Pisa today and drove four miles farther north to the Arno river as the British eighth army broke the Nazis' vaunted Gothic line on a 20-mile front and opened the gates to the Po valley, allied headquarters announced.

As the Germans pulled hastily back to avoid encirclement by the Americans, the British, an allied spokesman declared it was only a matter of time before complete destruction of all German forces in Italy will be accomplished. The Gothic line operation is the next to the last phase in the Italian campaign. The fortifications there represent the next to last prepared German position of depth and importance in Italy.

WKS PUSH NEAR LYON, TAKE VIENNE

HOLLAND NORGAAARD

ROME, Sept. 2 (AP)—American troops moved up west side of the Rhone valley of Lyon today, entering the city of Vienne after a swift 16-day dash.

The U. S. forces moved up from Beaurepaire, 30 miles below Lyon. French troops advancing up west side of the Rhone captured Montfaucon and Tournon, about 45 miles southwest and west of Lyon.

Nazis Dig In The Germans were reported in rearward positions along the push on Lyon.

A Gen. Alexander M. Patch's headquarters said heavy motor equipment continued on the roads north and northwest of the city, the Nazi command sought to speed from the jaws of an allied trap closing in from both the north and south.

An allied headquarters announced the count of prisoners taken since the landing in southern France exceeds 600,000, including 15,000 at Marseille and 10,000 at Toulon.

Allies Enter Contes On the eastern edge of the region fronted allied troops have entered Contes, eight miles (Continued on Page Two)

Bank Naval, Air Base Development Asked for Peace

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Army-navy plans for the use of the sea to preserve future peace, was announced today, call for development of a string of American naval and air bases along the Pacific in the islands which Japan obtained under League of Nations mandate 25 years ago and fortified to start the present war.

The highest authorities have recommended to President Roosevelt, in plans basic to American proposals at the Dumbarton Oaks security conference, that these islands should be placed under United States control if more or less permanent peace is to be secured in the Pacific.

Goering Under Arrest, Report

BASEL, Switzerland, Sept. 2 (AP)—The Geneva Tribune today reported a German radio announcement that Hitler had stripped Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering of his air defense command, and had entrusted that task to Nazi party chiefs.

An informant from Germany, the paper said, confirmed reports that Goering was under house arrest at his Karinhall estate. This informant said there was no direct evidence that Goering participated in the July 20 attempt upon Hitler's life, but was suspected because many of his associates were involved and some of them were executed.

Log Bucker Claims Damages

PORTLAND, Sept. 2 (AP)—A log bucker who claimed he was totally disabled in an accident at the Wertheimer Timber company's Klamath county camp No. 6, asked for \$20,000 damages today.

In a suit filed in federal district court, Arthur W. Johnson claimed he was struck by a falling tree, and contended the company was negligent in not providing a safe place to work.

First Flight From A Klamath Air Field



RUD MARS THE BIRD MAN AT KLAMATH FALLS JULY 5TH.

Scores of airplanes now based on the Klamath Falls airport, flying hundreds of hours weekly, are indicative of local aviation progress since July 5, 1911, the day the first plane flew here. The flier was Bud Mars, famed pioneer birdman, who died the other day at Los Angeles at the age of 88. While townsfolk gaped, he took off from a field which is now part of Mills Addition, across the tracks from the Big Basin Lumber company. The picture shows him in the air. As usual on such occasions, a child fell into a hot spring in that old pasture, but was only slightly scalded. The picture is from an old collection belonging to S. A. Frakes, 711 North Third.

Withdrawals Keep Pace With Political Entrants

Withdrawals and renunciations have virtually kept even with candidacy announcements in this peculiar political season.

Today, Joe Balthazor, who took out petitions recently to run for ward one councilman, announced that he is withdrawing his candidacy. "Due to the fact that other business will take me out of town a major portion of the time, I am withdrawing from this contest," he said.

"I appreciate the support so far received." The withdrawal left Angus Newton alone in the field as ward one council candidate.

Cook Changes Mind Troy Cook who stated last spring he would be an independent candidate for state representative this fall, said today that he has changed his mind. He said he had been made national councillor of the junior chamber (Continued on Page Two)

War Bulletins

LONDON, Sept. 2 (AP)—The Helsinki radio broadcast an announcement tonight by Finnish Premier Hantti Hackzell that the Germans had decided to withdraw from Finland.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 2 (AP)—The Finnish cabinet and parliament have decided to break diplomatic relations with Germany. It was learned reliably today.

LISBON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Adolf Hitler will broadcast a "sensational speech" sometime tomorrow, German diplomats said today.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 2 (AP)—The Swedish railways announced tonight Berlin had advised that the Belgian frontier had been closed to all transit goods.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (AP)—Allied tanks crossed the German border this afternoon, said radio Atlantic, clandestine transmitter, in a broadcast heard by NBC.

Refugees Flee Before Armies

BASEL, Switzerland, Sept. 2 (AP)—A long stream of refugees is trekking across the Rhine from Alsace-Lorraine in front of the advancing armies of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Automobiles, carts and people afoot laden with their possessions have been crossing the Petit Huningue bridge all day. Many are Germans who settled in Alsace since 1940. But a Nazi order to Alsations in Mulhouse and other villages to pack their rags in readiness to leave struck consternation among old inhabitants as well.

P-53 Crashes On Mount Hood

PORTLAND, Sept. 2 (AP)—Crash of a single-engine P-53 fighter plane three miles north of Zigzag ranger station on Mount Hood, sending the pilot to his death, was announced by the army air base here today. Second Lt. Ernest N. Norazio, Blairsville, Pa., was killed. The plane was on a combat training flight yesterday morning. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Achille Dorazio, have been notified.

Goed Dead Then the Brussels radio went dead. A Berlin broadcast had reported earlier that wounded German soldiers filled Brussels (Continued on Page Twelve)

FIRE DESTROYS POLLARD HOUSE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pollard on Lakeshore drive was completely destroyed by a fire at about 11 o'clock Friday night.

Only a small amount of furniture was saved from the burning house before flames leveled the building. Fire equipment was sent from the Klamath county fire department and the Klamath Forest Protective association, but they were unable to save the Pollard home.

It was thought that the fire may have started from a defective flue. Pollard was alone in the house at the time of the blaze, his wife and daughter Nina, having gone to Portland. According to neighbors, Pollard's dog woke him in time for him to escape from the burning building.

Over 65 German Airfields Taken

LONDON, Sept. 2 (AP)—The U. S. strategic air force in England announced today that more than 65 German airfields in northern France had been captured and about 25 others in southern France "either have been captured or made untenable because the allied troops are too near."

Mosquitos Hit German Port

LONDON, Sept. 2 (AP)—British Mosquitos hit the northwest German port of Bremen last night, piling more destruction on a three-mile stretch of wreckage in docks and the commercial center of the city, it was announced today.

A force of less than 300 heavy bombers which hit Bremen, August 25, devastated more than three-fourths of the Atlaswerke shipyards and 20 warehouses in the Weser dockyards, it was learned. German transport in France and the low countries was torn by fighters and light bombers which operated through bad weather until nightfall yesterday, slashing at Nazi road, rail and canal traffic.

Okabe Replaces Gen. Okamura

MOSCOW, Sept. 2 (AP)—The Soviet news agency Tass reported from Tokyo today that the appointment by the Japanese war office of Gen. Okabe as new supreme commander of Japanese troops in northern China, replacing Gen. Okamura.

No Paper Monday

The Herald and News will omit publication on Monday, Labor Day. Next publication will occur on Tuesday afternoon.