

GERMANY LOOMS AS BATTLEFIELD

Today's News

BY FRANK JENKINS
These chronicles yesterday, these assertions were made that the train is somewhat less than usually crowded. That was a really based upon insufficient data—like a lot of these assertions as to when the war will end or won't.

is hereby withdrawn. The truth is that this section of the Empire Builder has been running out of its cars, and another section following it about 200 yards back that is reported via the underground in the same condition or worse.

congestion shows up starting at meal hours, of there are two per day—breakfast and dinner. That isn't as tough as it sounds, however, for dinner begins at breakfast ends, with an interval just about long enough to enable them to change all table linen at once.

is the way it works: get in line for breakfast, then the dinner and get served, then go back and smoke a pipe, pick your teeth, wash your face or do whatever it is you habit to do after eating.

reception you get in line in, and by the time you reach the diner it will be time for dinner.

gain it isn't as bad as it sounds. This is a rather untroubling, included among the passengers, for example, is a company of 65 persons that has been doing the Merry Widow in the Pacific coast and is now on its way back to New York. There is a goodly number of the handshakes of life as it comes.

get dinner last night required two hours and 15 minutes of standing in line. On top of that we crossed a time zone in the middle of the waiting period, which made it three hours and 15 minutes by your watch—which, in turn, aggravated your stomach.

at your watch about every 15 minutes and think "Good Lord, I've been in this—!" for three hours.

Every few minutes the opera people would break into a waltz from the Merry Widow, which would lighten the money greatly. Even if you had ear for music, or were so used to the world and all the blarney and gaily in it as not to mind the Merry Widow you would think to yourself "Hockley would be costing me 4 bucks at the Geary theatre in San Francisco, and that would make you a better."

When the opera people would strike a bunch of colored-boys back down the line and strike up Ol' Black Joe, you'd be in de Col', Col' Groom, and so the time didn't seem as long as it really was.

opera people rigged up a new game. One of them would beat out rhythm on a window or a wall of the car and everybody would guess what the tune was. went on free for nothing for a while, and then some natural-born gambler proposed that whoever guessed the tune would take the kitty.

That couldn't be called gambling so far as this unimpaired writer was concerned, for gambling chance was involved, but it did help to pass the long hours.

MAGINE a couple of hundred people in all stages of starvation standing in line a couple of hours and nobody cussing the railroad company or complaining about the poor service or anything much but laughing and kidding and engaging in puerile games. These war-time shortages have occurred, for instance, by the final V-Day that will mark the end of the war they will have made decent citizens out of a lot of depraved, when accepted in the proper spirit, are good for the human soul.

Weather News

September 6, 1944
Max. (Sept. 5) 93 Min. 45
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 10.62
Normal 12.51 Last year 17.88
Forecast: Hot.

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Bulgars Ask Peace From Reds; Joint Armistice Expected

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AP)—Bulgaria appealed to Russia today for an armistice, a few hours after the Kremlin declared war. Cairo advices said a joint peace with the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union was expected as a result.

The German radio at Oslo said the Russians had marched into the Balkan kingdom. There was no confirmation from Moscow or Sofia.

The Bulgars asserted that their government had ordered strong measures against German forces, accused of attacking Bulgarian army units—claims countered by the Russians, who said the rulers of the country were tools of the Nazis and tied to the German war effort.

Whether terms drafted by the Americans and British for the abortive peace talks in Cairo would be revised or presented in the same form in the name of all three allied governments, including Russia, has not yet been decided. The Russians have been consulted on the U. S. and British terms and it was learned in Cairo that little if any change would be necessary.

The armistice appeal, the official Bulgarian radio announced, was delivered to the Soviet legation in Sofia shortly after midnight.

No Reaction
There was no immediate reaction from Moscow and no indication whether the Red Army troops had already crossed the northern border of Bulgaria, along which they had been poised for several days after a swift advance through Romania.

It appeared, however, from the trend of events that should Bulgaria succeed in making peace with Russia she might find herself at war with Germany.

Ministers in Session
The Sofia radio said the Bulgarian council of ministers was still in session early today after directing the armistice appeal, but whether this meant that further steps against Germany were being contemplated was a matter of conjecture.

The council meeting was summoned at 3 p. m. yesterday, Sofia said, to "take decisive and firm measures" against German troops who attacked Bulgarian army units engaged in disarming Nazi soldiers fleeing across the border from Romania. The disarming order had been given in conformity with Bulgaria's previous declaration of "neutrality."

Kyang Taken by Nipponese Army
CHUNGKING, Sept. 6 (AP)—The Chinese high command announced today the loss of Kyang, 50 miles southwest of Japanese-held Hengyang, and further gains by the enemy striking down the Hunan-Kwangsi railway in an effort to cut Free China in two.

Kyang guarded the allied air base at Lingling. A communication from Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters earlier told of a heavy American air attack on the area of Kyang, suggesting that it had been seized by the invaders.

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In The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland

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FRENCH APPROACH DIJON IN SMASH

By GEORGE BRIA
ROME, Sept. 6 (AP)—French forces chasing the Germans from southern France were believed tonight to be approaching Dijon (population 90,869), ancient capital of Burgundy, after occupying Chalons-sur-Saone apparently without opposition.

Chalons (population 31,610) is a strategic communications center and district capital 37 miles below Dijon. From Chalons highways and rail lines fan out toward central France and southwestern Germany.

American troops occupied the village of St. Germain-Du-Plain between Chalons and the Swiss border.

Position Not Given
Allied headquarters gave no indication of the position of the main German force. Latest reports had the Germans fleeing toward Dijon, which is less than 100 miles from Paris.

WPB Official Resigns Post
WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (AP)—The third vacancy in two weeks in the war production board's top command occurred today when Acting Chairman J. A. Krug accepted "with great reluctance" the resignation of Operations Vice Chairman L. R. Boulware.

Boulware, disclosing that his resignation was submitted the day Krug took charge of the war agency, said he was leaving because it was his "sincere conviction that the activities of WPB will be freer of the possibility of further public controversy" if Krug had a new vice chairman "known to be completely of your own choosing."

Nelson, Hurley Now in Chungking
CHUNGKING, Sept. 6 (AP)—Donald M. Nelson, head of the U. S. war production board, and Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley arrived in Chungking today accompanied by Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell.

Major Charles Hansen, Pilot of B-29, Reported Lost in Action Over China

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Gloomy Nazi



Increasingly gloomy broadcasts are being made by Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, above, official Berlin radio newscaster. In a recent broadcast, he put out strong bait for a negotiated peace.

LOOSENING OF WPB CONTROL SLATED

By KARL R. BAUMAN
WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (AP)—All controls over production, save those "absolutely essential necessary to assure the reduced measure of war production necessary to beat Japan," are to be removed immediately upon Germany's defeat.

After producing what is needed for the Japanese war, industry will have virtually a free hand in resuming civilian production—cars, washing machines, electric refrigerators or anything else.

A policy of allowing manufacturers to make "whatever people want," without direction (Continued on Page Two)

Jap Admirals Killed by Yanks

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AP)—The Tokyo radio said today that a Japanese vice admiral and five rear admirals were killed recently "by enemy action in the command area" of the Yokosuka naval station.

The naval station is situated on the west shore of Tokyo bay 12 miles south of Yokohama. Its command area should cover thousands of square miles of the Pacific. The broadcast did not bring out whether the deaths resulted from sea or air attacks.

Jap Casualties Hit Two Million

CHUNGKING, Sept. 6 (AP)—The Chinese asserted today that the Japanese had suffered 2,144,000 casualties among combat troops plus 600,000 to their garrison, supply and transport units in the rear during the eight years of war through June 31. Chinese casualties were said to total 2,802,220.

He participated in the shake-up raid on Bangkok, piloting a B-29, which came through unscathed 10 days before the history-making B-29 raid on Japan, proper, June 15.

Correspondent Passenger
This time his plane carried Roy Porter, war correspondent, and Porter's story, built around Hansen and the B-29, appears in this month's Cosmopolitan. It gives Hansen's address as Klamath Falls, although his wife and 2-year-old son, Charles III, live in Casper, Wyo., and he has never actually made his home here.

Porter's story tells of this first mission over Yawata, and Major Hansen's plane was called the "first B-29" because it was the first one to be flown overseas by its own crew to a far eastern base. It was the first to fly the Himalaya hump, the first to be jumped by Jap fighter planes (Continued on Page Two)

REDS REACH BORDER OF YUGOSLAVIA

Turnu-Severin Taken In Advance to Frontier

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AP)—Russian troops smashing through Romania have reached the Yugoslav border at Turnu-Severin, Moscow announced tonight.

Capture of the frontier town at the iron gate leading to Yugoslavia was accomplished after an advance of 50 miles from Craiova, which fell to the Red Army yesterday.

Moscow disclosed the success after Premier Stalin earlier had announced the capture of the fortress of Ostralenka.

Ostralenka Captured
The Narew river strongpoint of Ostralenka, 60 miles northeast of Warsaw, was captured today in the violent new Russian offensive between the capital and East Prussia, Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day.

Ostralenka lies on the east bank of the historic river, which Moscow and Berlin dispatches said had been crossed, and 26 miles south of the southern boundary of East Prussia, against which Berlin announced the powerful offensive was directed.

Railroads radiate from the town to East Prussia, Bialystok, Warsaw and Siedlce.

MOSCOW, Sept. 6 (AP)—Swarms of Stormovik planes passed the renewed Russian offensive in the Narew area, 312 miles from Berlin—the closest reported approach of any allied army. On one 24-mile sector, the Germans concentrated four divisions.

Front dispatches from Romania said the Germans were advancing at a breakneck speed of more than 70 miles in a single day in Romania, Soviet armored forces seized a strategic springboard for an immediate united front with Marshal Tito's partisans and an invasion of the Hungarian plains.

Front dispatches said the Germans fled in a wild rout ahead of a red army spearhead which had almost completely outflanked the northern frontier of Bulgaria, against which Russia yesterday declared war.

There was no official word in Moscow of a red army march into Bulgaria, confidently expected to involve virtually no resistance by the Bulgars.

(The Sofia radio said that Bulgaria had already asked Russia for an armistice.)

Army Takes Over Two Tool Plants

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 6 (AP)—The army today took over two plants operated by the Hughes Tool company, one of the nation's largest manufacturers of oil field equipment.

Under presidential orders the military moved in because of a "threatened interruption" of work arising from a labor dispute involving 5000 workers.

Allies Take Brussels



Allied troops are in possession of their fourth axis-held capital—Brussels, and the town of Namur is also reported in allied hands. Black areas on the map indicate allied holdings in France and Belgium as reported by allied headquarters, but unofficial reports have troops far in advance of these lines.

Directors Vote to Back Equitable Freight Rates

Klamath chamber of commerce directors voted today for chamber leadership in the presentation of a case to the railroads and interstate commerce commission to bring about more equitable freight rates to Klamath Falls and the Midland Empire.

The action followed a long discussion of a report by the rates and industrial committees of the chamber, which held that discriminatory freight rates are a threat to Klamath's future, both as an industrial center and as a distribution center for this wide mid-coast area.

It was agreed to undertake the leadership of the rates enterprise provided funds for the purpose could be raised, and the problem was referred back to the rates, industrial and finance committees of the chamber. It was argued that even a slight reduction in incoming and outgoing rates would benefit the area by tens of thousands of dollars.

George P. Davis, chairman of the rates committee, said that equal rates for all points in the Midland area, and rates that would encourage re-manufacturing and distribution operations here, are of vital importance to the economic welfare of the community. Klamath, he declared, has suffered under discriminatory rates, and the groundwork is already laid for an appeal for fairer treatment. He pointed to this area's favorable position in the coast transportation picture as justification for rate adjustments.

Nicholas Long, chairman of (Continued on Page Two)

LONG, HARD FIGHT LOOMS IN PACIFIC

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (AP)—Navy Secretary Forrestal reported today that the Japanese now are able to mass their own power in a comparatively small area and that a "long and hard" fight is in prospect.

He said in a news conference that a year ago the Japanese had their air forces spread over an immense Pacific area but that with the capture or neutralization and by-passing of some 50 enemy bases by American forces "the Japs are relieved of the responsibility of supplying them with planes."

"They can mass their air power now in the narrowing theater of action, the Philippines, China, and Japan proper," Forrestal said.

He added that the Japanese obviously have been saving their forces for engagements to come and as a result will have more planes in future engagements. Also, he said, the Japanese have made "many important technical improvements" in planes.

"Thus," he said, "the United States navy will face Jap air power in the coming year that will be stronger both quantitatively and qualitatively. The (Continued on Page Two)

THIRD ARMY PREPARES FOR NEW ASSAULT

Eisenhower Says Nazi Fatherland to Be Combat Area

BY JAMES M. LONG
LONDON, Sept. 6 (AP)—Strong forces of the U. S. third army established themselves firmly across the Moselle river today in preparation for an assault on Hitler's west wall after their armored patrols, reconnoitering the path of advance, had crossed the German border and then returned to the main elements.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower declared the battle of Germany was about to begin. "Battles soon will be fought on German soil," he said in broadcast instructions to foreign workers in Germany on ways to aid allied troops in combat areas.

Defense Week
A senior staff officer at supreme headquarters declared that Germany's last defense hope in the west, the Siegfried line or west wall, was no stronger than the Atlantic wall, if as strong, and "of course we are going to break it."

The only question, he said, was where—and that part he left for the Germans to worry about. He made it clear that the greatest problem for the German defense was its insufficient manpower, that there were far fewer troops in the line than intended to man it against a major assault—which may come anywhere along its length from the Swiss frontier to its northern flank.

Penetrated Sunday
Supreme headquarters officially described the penetrations of the Reich frontier as actions perhaps 25 to 30 miles ahead of the main front. The third army permitted disclosure only today that these had occurred Sunday—the first officially reported army entry into Germany (Continued on Page Two)

British Lights To Shine Again After Five Years

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AP)—The lights will come on again in Britain September 17. The ministry of home security announced tonight a relaxation of rigid blackout regulations which have kept the country in darkness for five years.

Sweden Bars Way To War Guilty

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 6 (AP)—Sweden will bar its frontiers to war criminals and return to their own countries for justice any who "slip through," Gustav Moeller, minister of social affairs, declared in a speech last night.

"Our policy so far has been to keep our frontiers open for refugees," said Moeller "but it should not be concluded that Sweden will be open, or is prepared to grant asylum, to those who by their actions have defied the conscience of the civilized world or betrayed their own country."

Reich Historian Dies Fighting

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AP)—The official historian of Hitler's 100-year Reich, Gerhard Schröder, died fighting at the head of his men near St. Lo.

Limited Demobilization Of Army Troops Planned

By WILLIAM FRYE
WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (AP)—Plans for a limited start at demobilizing America's huge army soon after Germany's defeat—based in part on the solicited suggestions of fighting G. I. Joes—were announced today by the war department.

Because of the continuing war with Japan, releases of troops from service at first will be slow and small in number. The army cautioned soldiers and the public that the war with Japan will take "first priority" in military calculations and shipping.

Since demobilization has been fixed on an individual basis, some men will be sent back from the Pacific as well as from Europe and American outposts.

Four Factors Guide
Four essential factors, winnowed from suggestions gathered in an army survey, will guide the priority system of releases. They are: length of service, overseas time, combat credit and number of dependents.

The bulk of the army's strength will be shifted to the Pacific. The awesome might of the additional forces to be unleashed against Japan is indicated in these words:

"The Pacific theater will have No. 1 priority. All else must wait. To it will be transported millions of fighting men, millions of tons of landing barges, tanks, planes, guns, ammunition and food, over longer supply lines than those to Europe."

Priority System
The priority system will govern the release of the relatively small number of men to be demobilized under these conditions. The four factors will be calculated in this manner:

1. Service credit, based on the total number of months of army service since September 16, 1940, when the draft law became effective.

2. Overseas credit, based on the number of months overseas.

3. Combat credit, based on each award of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished (Continued on Page Four)