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Max. (Sept. 6)	84
Min.	50
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00
Stream year to date	10.82
Normal	12.59
Last year	17.98
Forecast	Clear

RUSSIAN STORM INTO GREECE FROM BULGARIA

Soviets Advance 160 Miles in Two Days

By The Associated Press
Russian troops have driven Bulgaria into Greece, crossing the Turkish frontier in the Demotica area after a sensational 160 mile advance in two days, the German radio said today in an official DNB broadcast.

Three Point Attack

Bulgaria, against which Russia declared war Tuesday night, invaded at three points, the Germans said, adding: "No resistance worth mentioning seems to have been put up in consequence of the muddled political conditions there."

Berlin announced earlier that Bulgaria had broken relations with her and unconfirmed Turkish dispatches said Bulgaria declared war on Germany to put the Balkan country at war with Russia for an armistice after the Kremlin declared during a time in which military negotiations with the United States and Britain were being held.

Cross Danube

The Germans said the Russians crossed the Danube in the area of Gurin and Ruse, Romanian border towns, facing each other across the river, and in the area north of Sofia. The Russian platoon to the iron gate of the Danube yesterday gave them control of all the north part of Bulgaria.

Demotica (Didymoteikhon) in Thrace, the eastern extremity of Greece which Bulgaria seized and occupied after the German conquest of the Balkans. It is 60 miles north of the Aegean, 100 miles east of Salonika and 130 miles northwest of Istanbul, the former Turkish capital on the Bosphorus. "The general direction of march is toward the Aegean coast," said the Associated Press. The first Russian incursions into Bulgaria took place Tuesday, the day Russia declared war, the enemy said.

Hull Charges Argentina With Fascist Moves

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP)—Secretary of State Hull declared today that there is a fascist movement in this hemisphere and that its headquarters is in Argentina. He asserted that Argentina Argentine officials would have to supply more clarification of their attitude toward receiving refugee nazis before he could make any comment on recent assurances of Argentine diplomatic officials here that no refugee would be given to escaped German leaders.

Medal Found—No Marine

Found in an irrigation ditch with no marine attached was a sharpshooter and bayonet-expert medal. A. M. Thomas brought the medal in to the Herald and News office after he recovered it from a ditch in the Enterprise irrigation district. If the owner will verify any of the conjectures being made here as to what his hard-earned medal was doing in an irrigation ditch, he may call for it at the Herald and News.

Fascists Plan Flight to Japan

ROME, Sept. 7 (AP)—The socialist newspaper Avanti quoted reports from northern Italy today as saying a group of high level officials was preparing to flee to Japan in a gigantic plane originally constructed "for the ambitious project of bombing New York." The dispatch said the plane, once used to convey messages from Hitler and Mussolini to Tokyo, now is under guard at an airfield near Milan.

1496 Frenchmen Killed in Paris

PARIS, Sept. 6 (Delayed) (AP)—The De Gaulle regime announced today that 1496 Frenchmen were killed and 752 were wounded at the Paris barricades during the battle for liberation of the capital.

Held In Slaying



Harry Barton, 50, (above), veteran of two wars, was arraigned in police court in San Francisco on a charge of murder. Police Lieut. James Quigley said Barton walked into a Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting and shot and fatally wounded Carey Smith Connors, 50, district VFW commander, as he sat on the rostrum. (Associated Press photo).

PUPILS IN REICH ORDERED TO WORK

LONDON, Sept. 7 (AP)—Germany ordered its eighth grade pupils in to work and sent thousands of Red Cross men and women into armament plants today in far-reaching extensions of total mobilization decrees. Dr. Joseph Goebbels, reich plenipotentiary for total mobilization, announced also the dissolution of the Prussian finance ministry, the wholesale curtailment of "the majority of 1500 periodicals still published in Germany," and the closing of a number of universities.

Fairs Abolished

All traveling shows and shops for fairs were abolished. The Berlin radio, announcing the decrees, said most German students would "have to give up studying in order to do important war work and from now on, only war wounded will be allowed to begin study at universities."

Allies Combine With Tito for All-Out Drive

ROME, Sept. 7 (AP)—Allied land, sea and air forces and Marshal Tito's partisan army have started a combined all-out offensive in Yugoslavia in conjunction with the Russian offensive to seal off all German escape routes from the Balkans, allied force headquarters announced tonight. The Russians reached the Yugoslav border last night and were within 90 miles of Belgrade. Moscow advised red troops probably had already crossed the Danube frontier and dropped into the mountain wilderness of Yugoslavia to establish contact with Tito.

Invasion Casualties Only Half Expected Figures

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP)—American army casualties through the first three weeks of the Normandy invasion were about one-half of the expected figure, Secretary of War Stimson said today. For July and August, they were "slightly less" than had been estimated in advance, Stimson added at a new conference. Before the initial French landings on June 6, the army had estimated it would suffer 81,000 total casualties of all kinds, through the remainder of June, the secretary stated, whereas the actual total losses were about 42,000. Of these, 33,933 were battle casualties, with the rest made up of accident and illness cases. Figures Withheld Stimson gave neither the estimate or actual number of casualties in France for July and August in his summary today. The army casualties for all theaters since the start of the war based on reports to next of kin through August 21, totaled 306,795, an increase of 20,957 since the casualty report made a week ago. Navy casualties reported up to

Yugoslavia Reached By Soviets; Troops Approach Belgrade

MOSCOW, Sept. 7—Swift Russian troops were reported fighting within 90 miles of Belgrade today and were believed already to have ferried the Danube and reached Yugoslav soil south of the Iron Gate gorge where the mighty river cuts through the Transylvanian Alps. The red army might be using parachute troops in an effort to establish a junction with Marshal Tito's partisan army scattered through the rugged mountains inside Yugoslavia's northeast frontier. Turnu-Severin, on the frontier, was captured yesterday and the Russians pursued the Germans through the Iron Gate and were reported fighting today for Orsova on the Danube, well beyond the gorge and 90 miles due east of the Yugoslav capital. In northern Poland, a great battle that may liberate Warsaw and carry the war into East Prussia increased in violence with two Russian army groups attacking along a 35-mile front along the Narew river and on the close eastern approaches of the Polish capital. The Narew fortress town of Ostrolenka was toppled yesterday and the Russians moved on within 23 miles of the southern border of East Prussia. Army Exterminated Red Star declared that 791,000 Germans had been killed on the long eastern front in the summer offensive from June 23 through August 31, and said "This means the red army in nine weeks has exterminated a German army greater than that sent against the allies." Other hundreds of thousands have been reported captured. "Until now, the Germans kept their main forces on the soviet front, shifting their divisions from occupied European countries and from Germany itself," the army newspaper said. "The Hitlerite command does not conceal the fact that its main task is to prevent invasion from the east."

OPA Cold-Shoulders Plan To Move Commando Center Into Ration Board Rooms

OPA district office in Portland has given a cold reception to the effort to locate the Klamath Commandos' service center in quarters here now occupied by the war price and ration board. McDannell Brown head of the OPA district office wrote that the quarters would not be yielded for the proposed purpose. In a letter to Clarence Humble, head of the military service committee here, he stated that \$2000 had been spent in remodeling the offices for the ration board. He also asserted that all but a small portion of the quarters, near Fifth and Main, are being used by the ration board. Brown's letter came as a result of a local effort to get the OPA to move to some other nearby location, and turn over the large space it now occupies for an expanded Commando service center. It was pointed out here that Klamath business men in that vicinity had supplied a substantial portion of the money spent in remodeling for the OPA. Room Blocked Off A large room in the Fifth and Main street quarters has been blocked off and is not in use, contrary to Brown's statement. A Commando center would make use of the entire suite. Other troubles continued to plague the Commandos in their need for a place where they can more adequately serve the service men. Myers Refuses George Myers, head of the Red Cross board here, refused to consider yielding the Red Cross rooms, near Fourth and Main, for Commando use. He said the Red Cross suite serves well the

HIROHITO WARNS OF WAR INTENSITY

By The Associated Press Emperor Hirohito warned the Japanese diet today that the war situation was "becoming more intense" and Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso said the empire must concentrate its total power to combat mounting American attacks and possible invasion. Domei news agency broadcasts from Tokyo reported these and other developments at the 85th extraordinary session of Japan's lawmakers. The emperor, appearing in military uniform, said Japanese soldiers were fighting bravely, that relations between Japan and the occupied countries were strengthening and that "the condition of the world is becoming more and more tense." (Continued On Page Six)

Briton Refutes Peace Rumors

LONDON, Sept. 7 (AP)—A spokesman for the British government stated emphatically last night that Germany has made no peace plea as yet to the United Nations. He said the statement was made to dispose of recently recurrent rumors that Germany has been seeking opportunities to open talks with the allies. The spokesman explained that any German peace emissary can approach the western allies only through Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who will not give the order to cease firing until he obtains an unconditional surrender from the German high command, endorsed by the German general staff.

War Bulletin WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY IN BELGIUM, Sept. 7

Infantry and cavalry of the U. S. first army have lashed out 16 miles northeast of Namur and driven half way to the Belgian fortress of Liege on the high road to Germany. LOS ANGELES, Sept. 7 (AP)—Blue-eyed, red-haired Lucille Ball, 33, of the movies, today filed suit for divorce from Desi Arnaz, Cuban star, who now is in the army. She charged extreme cruelty, but her complaint did not detail any allegations. Hollywood was surprised at the news, since the movie star and her husband have been seen together frequently and as late as Tuesday night they attended a reception together for Catinflas, newly-arrived Mexican star.

Patton Refutes \$1000 Bill Story

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton of the American third army takes exception to one story about him. He appended the following note to a recent report on military operations to Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall: "In a clipping which just reached me from home, I saw some correspondent had stated that I arrived in Normandy waving a \$1000 bill and making bets. I arrived in Normandy incognito. I have never seen a \$1000 bill."

May Aid Winant



Hamilton Fish Armstrong (above), editor of "Foreign Affairs," may be appointed to assist Ambassador John G. Winant in his work as American member of the European advisory commission in London. It was learned at the state department in Washington. (AP wirephoto).

PALAU BLASTED BY CARRIER RAID

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Sept. 7 (AP)—A heavy attack on the Palau islands, one of the chief eastern defenses of the Philippines, by American task force fighter planes was reported by U. S. fleet headquarters today. The carrier group sent fighter planes "in force" against the islands. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported that the fighters hit Wednesday. Grounded Japanese planes were set afire. Gun positions and warehouses were strafed. The raiders reported they started a fire in a fuel dump at Babelthup, on the northern end of the Palau chain. They left 17 small craft burning near the islands. Third Raid It was the third carrier raid on Palau so far this year. The first heavy strike was last March. The carriers returned (Continued On Page Six)

Japs Near Yank Base at Lingling

CHUNGKING, Sept. 7 (AP)—Japanese forces thrusting southwestward from newly captured Kiyang are only 12 miles from the American air base at Lingling, the Chinese high command announced tonight. Lingling lies 28 miles southwest of Kiyang and 68 miles from the enemy-held rain center of Hengyang. Japanese infantrymen striking down the Hunan-Kwangsi railroad were reported only 25 miles from Tungan, close to the Kwangsi border and 95 miles below Hengyang. This represented a 35-mile gain from the position reported last night.

Bomb Battle of London Over, Assert Britons

By The Associated Press LONDON, Sept. 7 (AP)—Disclosing new details of the robot bombings, the government declared today the battle of London is over "except possibly for the last few shots." With their wartime blackout due to end 10 days hence, Londoners received more cheer in the announcement by Lt. Col. Edwin Duncan Sandys that perfected defenses and allied encirclement of the robot bomb coast had virtually ended the menace of the German "vengeance weapon." Sandys disclosed 2900 allied airmen and 450 planes had been lost in the 18-month campaign against the robots, in addition to more than 5000 deaths in England as a result of the bombs that landed. He said that only 2300 of the 8000 bombs launched since June 12 had reached their goal whereas the earlier bombs each took a life, on the average. The campaign against them made such progress that lately three of the robots have been expended by the Germans to kill one person in Britain. Year's Campaign Sandys has been in charge of countermeasures. The campaign

TROOPS WIN NEW GROUND NEAR GOTHIC

Decisive Battle For Northern Italy Near

By NOLAN NORGAARD ROME, Sept. 7 (AP)—Patrols of the American fifth army entered the road center of Prato in northern Italy and won new positions north of the highway between Prato and captured Livorno before the Germans' Gothic line allied headquarters announced today. Prato, industrial city of 60,000 population, is only 10 miles southeast of Pistoia on the western sector of the front. Slight Gains Only slight gains were reported in the British eighth army's major offensive in the Adriatic sector, where allied forces entered Riccione Marina on the coast five miles southeast of Rimini and captured Besenigo, 24 miles inland. These advances were achieved after bitter fighting by infantry and tanks against the dogged and well-entrenched nazis. Heavy Fighting Fighting was reported heavy along a 14-mile front from the coast, with the eighth army steadily hammering a way through German tank and anti-tank gun defenses. British troops crossed the Ventena river and were within five miles of the eastern border of the tiny principality of San Marino. A little farther inland British and Indian units captured 2000-foot Monte San Giovanni, dominating the upper Ventena-Conca valley. Brisk Battle The Germans put up a brisk fight there and left 50 dead on the slopes. American troops were advancing toward the western end of the Gothic line on a broad front. Patrols were reported operating just south of Monsummano, 15 miles east of Livorno. The Americans were within sight of Pistoia and controlled the highway leading into the city from the south.

British Watch Battle on Coast

LONDON, Sept. 7 (AP)—While Britain passed another bombless night thousands of men, women and children kept a vigil atop the white cliffs of Dover, watching at long range the death throes of the Nazi troops trapped on the French rocket bomb coast. The story of the struggle was told in the clouds of smoke which hung over the French shore and the sound of heavy explosions which rolled back across the channel as the Germans hastily demolished supply dumps, gun emplacements and flying bomb installations from which they once loosed destruction upon Britain. Since last Friday the Germans have sent over only one brief barrage of robots.

Fire Destroys Drain Sawmill

DRAIN, Ore., Sept. 7 (AP)—Fire starting in a slash burner destroyed the Jim Whipple sawmill here last night and at its peak threatened a number of the town's residences, all of which were saved by prompt action of civilians cooperating with fire crews. The mill, which cuts approximately 40,000 board feet per day, was a complete loss, as low humidity made it impossible to control the flames once they got their start. E. E. Whipple, who owns the mill in conjunction with his son, estimated the loss at \$75,000. Volunteer firemen of Drain responded immediately to the call, and they were soon joined by members of the western Linn fire patrol, the conscientious objectors from Elkton, and fire crews from Eagle creek and Hard Scrabble. Three local logging companies also sent men over to battle the blaze.

Speed Urged for Special Gifts

Persons who have been contacted by mail for special gifts to the community fund are urged to send their checks as soon as possible, as the committee wishes to have as many contributions as possible in before the main drive starts next Monday. Now in the fund is \$7490, including another \$1000 check sent in Thursday from Big Lakes Box company. A recent \$500 contribution was from DiGiorgio Fruit corporation. Latest donations of \$100 or over were from R. R. Macartney, Lombard Motors, Ward's Furniture home, Pioneer Tessen, Fred Heitman, R. L. Smith Lumber company, and Harry Jackman.

YANKS SHAPE ATTACKS ON DEFENSE LINE

One Bridgehead Won, Another Lost In Fight

By JAMES M. LONG LONDON, Sept. 7 (AP)—American tanks and infantry were fighting the first battles for Germany along the Moselle river today. They won one bridgehead below Metz at heavy cost and lost another at Pont-a-Mousson in the face of violent German artillery fire. A showdown assault on 200 miles of the Siegfried line appeared to be shaping up. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army attacked along 40 miles from Luxembourg south to Nancy, winning a wedge in the outskirts of Metz and reaching Nancy.

To the north, in southeastern Belgium, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army was broadening its assault base to 75 miles and from several bridgeheads across the Meuse was probing into the Ardennes forest which screens one of the weaker links in the German chain of fortifications which comprise Adolf Hitler's great hope.

From the south Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army from the Mediterranean was reported approaching Belfort, north of the Swiss border where a gap opens to the Rhine. The early merger of the southern and western invasions into a single front for a coordinated assault on the Siegfried line from Switzerland to Holland seemed likely.

Brought to Bay

The Germans at last appeared to have been brought to bay in their outpost defenses along the Moselle after their long retreat from Normandy, and front line dispatches said Patton's men won (Continued on Page Three)

Tokyo Discloses Identity of Dead Admirals

By The Associated Press The identity of the six Japanese admirals whose deaths were announced yesterday by the Japanese Domei news agency was disclosed today in a Tokyo broadcast reported by the federal communications commission. The broadcast said the Yokosuka naval station announced that the following officers had "died in action at the front": Vice Admiral Matsui Ikuo, and Rear Admirals Ryuzo Wakatsuki, Jorei Wakizaka, Suetada Itogawa and Fumio Katanami. Rear Admiral Kuranosuke Yanagizawa, had "died from illness contracted at the front," the broadcast added.