

DEWEY SPECIAL HITS G. N. TRAIN

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
DISPATCHES from London this morning confirm the German statements yesterday that allied airborne troops are crossing the Rhine in Holland. Details are available as this morning.

But if they are across and can be followed by our powerful land forces, the German Westwall defenses will have been OUT-FLANKED on the north. This is the point to watch in the next few days.

Our map will show you that Holland is crossed by some of the world's greatest rivers, and these are buttressed by flooded coastal systems. The Germans had been relying on these water barriers to try to batter our troops across them in the face of German guns, we seem to be JUMPED them.

These fascinating "ifs" will be confirmed or denied by the events of the next few days.

RUSSIAN effort just now seems to be confined to pushing off the 200,000-odd Germans left in the Baltic states. The fighting is bitter and bloody, and the Germans have managed so far to keep open a corridor through which they have been applying their forces in Latvia and Estonia.

Warsaw still holds out. The fighting in Italy is bitter, and our side is inching through the mountains toward the Po valley, where Italian war planes are supplying German troops. We're reported today to be only 27 miles from Bologna, which lies at the southern edge of the valley, beyond the mountain barrier of the Apennines.

On the Pacific, the fighting in the Palau appears to be as bloody as in the Marianas. In the first four days, 5543 Japs were killed on Peleliu island. On Guam, only 2400 dead Japs were counted in the first four days. There has been no report of our own losses as yet. They will probably be heavy.

We've taken Peleliu airdrome and our planes are already using it. TOKYO says today that the FIGHTER-ESCORTED Liberator bombers have attacked Davao, in the southern Philippines. That means we're GETTING CLOSE.

Disclosures to the American Legion convention in Chicago indicate that the actual re-taking of the Philippines will be MacArthur's job, with the navy transporting and protecting his forces.

ARTHUR GATES, assistant secretary of the navy, is on warship operating near the Philippines. He is quoted in a dispatch today as being "convinced as to why the Japs are so aggressive." He notes "total lack" of fight by the Jap air force. He adds: "These people are definitely on the run."

Admiral Nimitz agrees that the Japs have no room for optimism, but points out that they have a lot of hard fighting ahead—tougher and more complex Jap defenses as we advance, the bulk of the well-trained Jap army and the battered but still powerful Jap fleet still to be defeated.

It does look as if the end of Germany is near, but we'll be wise if we keep our fingers crossed as to the Pacific war. By all the rules, the Japs ought to have a lot of fight left in them.

There is, however, an interesting note in the news today. An AP correspondent on the 700 Fortresses Hit Nazi Yards

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TROOPS VAULT ACROSS RHINE TOWARD REICH

British Ground Force Assists Effort to Flank Seigfried

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP)—A powerful, growing army of allied sky troops which vaulted across the Rhine in Holland, battled forward today, threatening to break through into northern Germany around the flank of the Siegfried line.

The lower Rhine was knocked out as a German defense line. The British second army in a ground push linked with other airborne forces landed farther south in Holland, and a front dispatch said it had seized Eindhoven, seventh largest Dutch city, 10 miles above the Belgian border.

The airborne army descended in the area of Nijmegen and Arnhem, near the reich and astride the two lower branches of the Rhine, as well as near Eindhoven, supreme headquarters disclosed. British ground forces were reported already 12 miles north of Eindhoven, or halfway to Nijmegen and Arnhem. The northern forces near those towns had blocked out Nazi reserves. (Continued on Page Two)

Degerlamoe Killed, Report

PFC Tony Degerlamoe, 21, previously listed as missing in action in the Italian theatre of war, has been reported killed, according to word received by the infantryman's wife, the former Evelyn Sauer, 4413 Freida. Young Degerlamoe was born in San Antonio, Tex., and lived here for three years prior to his enlistment. He worked at Big Lakes before going into the service. In addition to his wife, Degerlamoe is survived by a one-year-old daughter, Betty Lou. Degerlamoe served with the 91st infantry division and following training at Camp Adair, Ore., was shipped overseas in March of this year. Mrs. Degerlamoe makes her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Sauer.

USO Invited to Establish Program; Armory Eyed As Possible Center Site

The USO was invited to bring its program to Klamath Falls by unanimous vote last night at a representative gathering of local people interested in service men's hospitality. Klamath military service committee sponsored the meeting and will make the formal request to USO. This action was followed by further steps to get the service center program here into expanded quarters, and Architect Howard Perrin was authorized to examine two proposed locations—the Klamath armory and the OPA offices in the Willets building. Indications point to the armory as a likely location for the big service center, with the present service center (formerly the Commando center) continued as a drop-in place in the business district.

Perrin is scheduled to make his report at another meeting next Sunday afternoon. At that time, definite action is expected on location of the center and on the type of USO service to be adopted here. C. W. Reynolds, regional USO representative, explained the two types to the group. He said that one, the community control plan, is handled through a straight USO grant to the community, with the service center conducted by local people under a trained USO director. Under the other plan, one of the national organizations which are part of the USO, such as the YMCA, or Salvation Army, is assigned the job of operating the

Post-Slaying Quiz Entered Over Defense Protests in Trial of Imogene Fisher

A document, purporting to show damaging admissions on the part of the defendant, was introduced over defense protests today in the second degree murder trial of Imogene Fisher, an Indian woman. District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore read the document, word by word. It related questions and responses allegedly given by Mrs. Fisher in the district attorney's office on June 26, two days after the slaying of Watkin Davis. Joseph C. O'Neill, defending Mrs. Fisher in circuit court, objected to the reading of the document but was over-ruled.

REDS IN LABOR. BROWDER STATES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—Earl Browder testified today some members of his dissolved communist party are affiliated with the CIO political action committee and also AFL groups, but he refused to give any names. The testimony was elicited through questions put by Rep. Brown (D-Ohio) of the house campaign expenses committee.

Browder, one-time general secretary of the communist party in the United States, outlined the steps by which the Communist Political Association succeeded the old communist party with himself as the head of both. He said his organization of 180,000 is supporting President Roosevelt for reelection but isn't spending or soliciting any money in a "partisan" sense. "Oh dear!" said a Congressman (D-N. Mex.), and Brown reminded Browder that some persons have (Continued on Page Two)

Motorist Makes Room for Gas

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19 (AP)—The woman motorist held out four "A" gasoline coupons that expire at midnight tomorrow and said "Twelve gallons, please." The service station attendant stopped his pump at 11.9 gallons and told her the tank was running low. "Oh dear!" she exclaimed. "Oh dear!" she exclaimed. Then she raced the engine several minutes. "Now try it," she ordered. "I'll bet you can get the last tenth in." The gaping attendant did.

Finland Signs With Reds, U. S.

LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP)—The Moscow radio announced today that Finland had signed an armistice with Russia and Britain. The first brief announcement, broadcast by the soviet information office and recorded here by the soviet monitor, did not give the terms. They will be disclosed later. Britain and Russia signed the terms as representatives of the United Nations.

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ROUGH GROUND FAILS TO HALT YANK ADVANCE

Isle Struggle Nears Climax; U. S. Planes Hit Philippines

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
American ground forces, fighting over some of the toughest terrain of the Pacific war, drove today toward the climactic battles for two islands in the strategic Palau group as Tokyo radio indicated U. S. warplanes may already be operating against the Philippines from a third island invaded only last week.

War correspondents reported from Peleliu island in southern Palau that first division marines had knocked out all of the Japanese tanks and most of their harassing artillery. Nearly 5500 enemy dead, more than half the estimated garrison, were killed in the first four days. Towns Taken The principal town, Asias, two villages, and the adjacent islet of Ngarmok, were captured as the Japanese steadily (Continued on Page Two)

'LITTLE TOWNSEND' STAYS ON BALLOT

SALEM, Sept. 19 (AP)—The state supreme court ruled unanimously today that the "Little Townsend" old age pension initiative should appear on the November general election ballot, upholding a Marion county circuit court order dismissing a suit brought by Sherman County District Attorney T. Lester Johnson against Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The court, in an opinion by Justice Hall S. Lusk, ruled that it was without jurisdiction in the case, and that Johnson had no right to come into Marion county to begin the suit. The bill would provide minimum \$60 monthly old age pensions to be financed by a gross income tax of 3 to 5 per cent. It also would prohibit enact- (Continued on Page Two)

Demobilizing Plan Ordered By Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—President Roosevelt today directed the government to prepare now for its own peacetime demobilization, indicating some of Washington's sprawling war agencies will begin to fold up with the defeat of Germany. In a letter issued at the White House, Mr. Roosevelt ordered Budget Director Harold D. Smith to plan now "to liquidate war agencies and to reconvert the government to peace." "Some steps along these lines may be taken when the fighting ends in Europe," he said, although he avoided predicting any date for the war's end. The president ordered immediate re-examination of the staffing and duties of all agencies.

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Army Control of Japanese Favored by Legion Action; Immigration Halt Proposed

CHICAGO, Sept. 18 (AP)—The American Legion today urged that control of the Japanese in this country be shifted from civilian authority to the army, and demanded that aliens with records of subversive activities be returned to their home lands after the war. The organization's annual convention adopted the resolution submitted by its Americanism committee. The approved statement advocated that all immigration be halted after the war until the number of unemployed in the United States drops to the 1,000,000 mark.

Deportation Favored The convention went on record for deportation of German and Italian war prisoners when hostilities cease, and suggested a law to prohibit an alien from speaking over the radio for or against any candidate for public office. It also spoke for continuation of a congressional committee on un-American activities.

Earlier, Secretary of State Cordell Hull called for unity at home in support of steps to bring about international cooperation to prevent future warfare. In a message to the American Legion's national convention, he asserted the veterans could perform a service second only to that they rendered in World War I by "mobilizing American public opinion" in support of a united effort to prevent breaches of the peace in the period ahead.

Unity At Home "It is a deepest conviction," the secretary said, "that unity at home in support of effective policies of international cooperation is indispensable if our nation is to play its essential part in the development of unity among nations which alone gives promise of an era of peace and well-being." From Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, he heard that the conquest of the Philippines would be the job of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's southwest Pacific forces, with the navy supporting and protecting the campaign. From Gen. H. Arnold, chief (Continued on Page Two)

Stalin Reports Huge Break in Nazi Defenses

LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP)—Soviet troops have made "a great breakthrough" and captured more than 2000 populated places south of Riga, Premier-Marshal Stalin announced tonight. Stalin also proclaimed the fall of Valga, strategic rail junction on the Estonian-Latvian border, 87 miles northeast of Riga, and 60 miles from the Gulf of Riga. Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's great new Baltic offensive below Riga gained 25 miles in four days, and widened its breakthrough corridor to 75 miles, Stalin said.

British Planes Bomb Tirpitz

LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP)—RAF Lancasters blasted the German battleship Tirpitz with 12,000-pound bombs in a Norwegian fjord, the air ministry announced tonight. The 41,000-ton battleship suffered "very heavy" damage from equally heavy bombs from U. S. planes last Friday, Stockholm newspaper reports to the office of war information said. These reports added that the 10,000-ton cruiser Admiral Hipper was reported sunk two days later by Finnish aircraft and submarines at the mouth of the Gulf of Bothnia. The RAF attack was made in a fjord near the northwest tip of Norway, the air ministry said. A smoke screen prevented observation of results.

Adolf Again Talks About V-Weapon

NANCY, France, Sept. 19 (AP)—German prisoners reported today that Adolf Hitler visited Metz five days ago and demanded that the garrison hold out at least 10 days, promising that a new secret V-weapon would appear soon.

Weather News

September 19, 1944
Max. (Sept. 18) 65 Min. 31
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.00
Stream year to date 10.62
Normal 12.75 Last year 18.27
Forecast: Cloudy.

GOVERNOR AND WIFE SHAKEN UP IN CRASH

Party Continues to Portland; Labor Policy Talked

ABOARD DEWEY SPECIAL TRAIN, EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, Sept. 19 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's special train ploughed into the rear of a regular passenger train which was a mile north of Seattle, Wash., at 11:50 a. m. (PWT) today, injuring several persons and severely shaking up Governor Dewey and Mrs. Dewey.

The 13-car special train traveling nearly four hours late out of Seattle ran into the back end of a regular passenger train which had stopped at the scene of a collision between two freight trains last night.

Several Hurt Several passengers on the Dewey special and the train that was stopped were injured, but there was no immediate indication how serious they were.

The republican presidential nominee and Mrs. Dewey were in their bedroom at the time of the crash.

Paul Lockwood, secretary to the governor, said Dewey was shaken severely by the jolt of the accident, which threw reporters working in an adjacent press car to the floor, injuring some of them slightly.

The Dewey train was traveling at approximately 65 miles an hour, said E. A. Wells, the engineer, when he saw the other passenger train stop ahead on the track.

Brakes Applied Wells said he applied the air brakes and could have stopped the Dewey special within another 100 feet if there had been clearance.

The large engine of the Dewey train ploughed into the observation platform of the stalled passenger train piling up behind its own baggage car in which several photographers were working at the time.

Wells said that when he applied the brakes, he succeeded in slowing the Dewey train to about 20 miles an hour before it struck the other train.

The Dewey special had left Seattle at 8:20 a. m. this morning, being held up because of a wreck near Castle Rock last night in which two freight trains collided. (Continued on Page Two)

Robots Kill Women, Children

LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP)—Robot bombs apparently launched from planes over the North Sea crashed down on London and southern England early today, killing a number of women and children. Some of the victims had ignored government appeals to remain at evacuation centers. The attack was brief, but at least 13 were killed, nine at one place and four at another. Worried government officials repeated warnings that it was idiotic for women and children to return.

Penny Arcades for Main Street Get Council OK Over Houston's Protest

A recommendation by the judiciary committee of the city council that four penny arcades be permitted to operate on Main street, brought protest from Mayor John H. Houston, but was finally passed with a three-to-two vote by councilmen following a warm discussion. Councilman Walter Wiesendanger, chairman of the judiciary committee, submitted the following recommendation: "The judiciary committee recommends that the present ordinance governing penny arcades be amended to allow four arcades to operate on Main street and that the license application made by Brady Narey be granted, the fee to be \$300 as provided in the present ordinance. The committee also recommends that after January 1, 1945, the license fee for penny arcades be changed to \$500." The "no" votes came from the veteran member of the council, J. J. Keller, and Rollin Cantella. A resolution from the retail trade committee and board of directors of the Klamath county chamber of commerce was read in which the chamber group asked that the time limit for operation of carnivals be limited to three days. In view of the fact that many of the carnivals are held outside the city limits, city dads considered it wise to meet with the county court before action was taken. The judiciary committee was given power to act. Councilmen approved moving the Victory Cab company from the corner of 8th and Main (Continued on Page Two)

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press
1—Western front: 310 miles (from near Nijmegen in Holland).
2—Russian front: 312 miles (from outside Pultsk).
3—Italian front: 581 miles (from below Berlin).