

BOTH ARMY 64 MILES FROM BERLIN

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Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace
Stream year to date	8.10
Normal	9.57
Last year	6.22
Forecast: Clearing Thursday.	

ESSEN SEIZED BY ADVANCING YANK TROOPS

7th Army Battles In Ball Bearing Center

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, April 11 (AP)—The U. S. 7th Army reached the Elbe river at Magdeburg, 64 miles from Berlin today, after capturing the Ruhr munitions capital of Essen, and fighting its way to Brunswick.

The spearheading second (hell on wheels) armored division of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's army got into a fight at the Goering Steel Works at Wolfenbuttel, but soon enveloped the town and broke loose in a free run to Wupperstedt and Stenstedt, 27 miles southeast of Brunswick, and raced on to the Elbe, last major river barrier before Berlin.

Take 2000 Nazis
To the south seventh army troops battled inside bomb-ravaged Schweinfurt, the German center of the ball-bearing industry, but the 10th armored division of that army, under heavy pressure from SS troops, was forced to pull out of Craisheim in its narrow salient behind the Black Forest. The 10th took 2000 prisoners with it.

The first army continued its advance eastward from last reported positions 120 miles from Russian lines.

The tanks were expected to reach the Elbe, last water barrier before the capital, tonight, AP Correspondent Robert Euston said. At last reports, the second armored was beyond the Schoenberg area, 27 miles from Magdeburg.

On first army armored spearhead (Continued on Page Two)

Yanks Invade Three Islands In Pacific



Yanks Invade New Island
Americans of the 24th army corps invaded Tsugen island, killing the 150-man Japanese garrison, as other members of their division repulsed Nip counterattacks on Okinawa. To the north, marines captured Unten bay.

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
American troops have beaten off a series of Japanese counterattacks on southern Okinawa, invaded three more islands, and seized two former Nipponese naval stations.

Two of the invaded islands—Jolo and Busuanga—were in the Philippines, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced "all organized enemy resistance in southern Luzon has collapsed."

The third island, Tsugen, is ten miles off the coast of Okinawa, 325 miles south of Japan. Twenty-fourth corps troops killed the garrison of 150 enemy soldiers as they overran the islet, controlling the entrance to Nakagusuku bay, a former anchorage for the imperial fleet.

Civilians Interned
Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that in the first eight days of fighting on Okinawa 5000 Japanese were killed, 222 taken prisoner, and 43,378 civilians interned. Press dispatches indicated American casualties during the same period were roughly 2500, only a small percentage of whom were killed.

Presumably most Yank losses were in the 24th corps, units of which yesterday broke up recalcitrant Nipponese counterattacks on the southern end of the island. Duels between the largest mass of artillery batteries Japan has put into action and the combined might of U. S. army, marine, naval and air artillery accompanied each charge. Neither side gained yesterday.

Smash Barrier
The Yanks have broken through the outer barrier of elaborate cave and pillbox defenses lying between them and Naha, capital and major objective on Okinawa. This fortified line is four miles deep and about four and a half miles wide. In the early hours of the third amphibious corps advanced about a mile and a half (Continued on Page Two)

BRITISH 8TH WINS TOWNS IN NEW PUSH

Seven Miles Gained In Po Valley Area Reported

By NOLAN NORGAARD
ROME, April 11 (AP)—British eighth army troops, paced by flame-throwing tanks, have captured Lugo, Fusignano and Colognola in the opening phase of their offensive across the Senio river on the eastern flank of the Italian front, allied headquarters announced today.

Fall of these towns represented advances on a front of at least seven miles in the eastern Po valley astride the highway running from Ravenna to Bologna. Lugo lies a mile west of the Senio on the highway. Bologna is some 30 airline miles ahead.

Clear Road Hub
In western Italy, American troops of the fifth army cleared the enemy from the road hub of Massa and pushed on in the direction of La Spezia, major Italian naval base a dozen miles away.

"Our troops have breached enemy defenses on the river Senio on a broad front," an allied communique said.

Win 1200 Nazis
In the early hours of the new attack, eighth army infantry, moving up behind a heavy air bombardment, captured more than 1200 Germans. Veteran New Zealanders took a prominent role in the assault.

The eighth army also won the move south of highway 9, the major communication thoroughfare up the Po valley from Rimini, on the coast, through Forlì, Faenza, and Imola to Bologna. A bridgehead was secured across the upper Senio near Cuffiano, four miles from the highway southwest of Faenza.

In the major attack in the north the initial crossings were made between Fusignano and San Severo. South of that sector extensive minefields and tough resistance slowed the attack, but a bridgehead was formed and during Monday night the crossings were linked up and bridges thrown across the stream. Tanks and artillery poured across.

In the extreme north, Italian troops hurled the stream and advanced steadily west of Alfonsine.

Shirley Temple to Wed Sergeant



Shirley Temple, who's 16, appears with her betrothed, Sgt. John George Agar, 24, a physical instructor at March Field, Calif., after word of their secret engagement leaked out when her classmates at Hollywood school spotted her engagement ring. "We can't be married for at least two years, and maybe even three," said Shirley.

Hitler Dead, Dying, Nuts, Assassinated, Superseded, Healthy--Take Your Choice

LONDON, April 11 (AP)—A report that Adolf Hitler has been assassinated circulated in Britain today, but Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said he had heard nothing of it.

Capt. John H. McEwen raised the question of the rumor in Commons, declaring he had heard the foreign office was "directly responsible" for it and asking for confirmation.

Eden replied "as usual the 1922 committee knows information before the foreign office." The 1922 committee, of which McEwen is secretary, is the extreme right wing faction of the conservative party.

Reports Split
The British Press association reported a grave split developing among the nazis and said evidence had reached official quarters in London that the nazi party was "throwing over" Adolf Hitler in favor of Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler.

There was no confirmation from the British foreign office. Without specifying the source of its information, the news agency's diplomatic correspondent said he had been authoritatively informed that there were good reasons to believe that Hitler already was being superseded by Himmler.

Hitler Dying
Foreigners who have been in the closest touch with Germany are convinced that Hitler is a "dying man," the correspondent added.

The foreign office said it was operating on the theory that Hitler still was in control, with Himmler in command of defense forces. One spokesman said that nothing definite had been received of a split among nazi leaders.

As to Hitler's condition, he said, all kinds of reports are heard—that he is dying, insane or even dead and "any one of them may be true, but probably most of them aren't."

Mine Contract Settled as Government Seizes Pits

By HAROLD W. WARD
WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—The issue of unionization of mine foremen, which had stalled soft coal wage contract negotiations, was settled today as the government took over 235 strike-closed pits in seven states.

Terms of the new contract, which will give the average inside day worker at the mines an increase variously estimated at from \$1.25 to \$1.45 a day, were expected to be announced this afternoon.

Issue Reverted
The foremen issue was settled by reverting to terms of the former agreement, which exempted mine foremen and associated officials from classification as mine workers. John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president, had insisted on bringing all but one foreman and the superintendent at each mine into membership in the union.

The wording of the contract in the past, which it is understood will be included in the new agreement, follows:

Excludes Bosses
"The term mine worker as used in this agreement shall not include mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, fire bosses, or bosses in charge of any classes of labor inside or outside of the mine, or coal inspectors or weigh bosses, watchmen, clerks, or members of the executive, supervisory, sales or technical forces of the operators."

The operators said they were unshakably opposed to "any encroachment" on the prerogatives of management by unionization of their supervisory force.

Bombers Hit Nazi Airfields

LONDON, April 11 (AP)—Approximately 2150 U. S. heavy bombers and fighters in a massive sweep across southern Germany attacked a string of nazi and ammunition depots in the Nuernberg-Regensburg-Munich area today in a continuation of the biggest airfield wrecking campaign in history.

Fighters were high and low seeking German planes—almost 800 of which have been destroyed the last four days.

It was recommended by members of the planning commission here at a meeting last night in the city cooperate to the utmost in securing the proposed national cemetery for Klamath Falls.

The commission recommended that the city donate any lands available as a cemetery site. Mayor Ed Ostendorf stated today that the grounds adjacent to the cemetery under construction near the Weed highway are being considered as a location and that 109 acres of land are needed.

Persons living in the south suburban area affected by the proposed annexation by the city were asked to register in order that they may vote in the state and special election on June 22.

Oops, Sorry, Wrong Lake

Federal Judge James Alger Fee, a Klamath visitor, related today that his father almost settled in this district in the early days and while on a trip here to look over the country had an unforgettable experience with one of Klamath's high country ponds.

The elder Fee came by wagon from Pendleton, and arrived in this territory at night. As the horses plodded along in the darkness, they began to splash through water. The two men in the wagon were unfamiliar with the country, but they knew there was a Klamath lake, and one of them suggested they might be driving into the lake.

So when a small area of land was noted above the water they stopped and made camp for the night. The horses were tied to the wagon on one dry spot and the two men slept on the other, rolling into water every time they turned over.

Came the dawn, and they surveyed their surroundings. They were in the center of a small pond right in the middle of dry sagebrush country, miles from Upper Klamath lake or any other water.

Reds Compress German Garrison in Austrian City

By RICHARD KABISCHKE
LONDON, April 11 (AP)—Russian forces completed the encirclement of Vienna and with tommy-guns and grenades compressed the doomed nazi garrison into the eastern one-tenth of the tottering Austrian capital, front dispatches to the Moscow press announced today.

These accounts also said that the right wing of Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's second Ukrainian army had invaded the central Czechoslovak province of Moravia at points less than 35 miles from the great city of Brno.

Farther north, the Germans said other soviet forces, in an all-out assault to reduce the Oder river fortress of Breslau, had stormed into Riechthofen square in that Silesian city.

Inside Vienna the rag-tag nazi force, including schoolboys, pilots and sailors fighting as infantry, had been pushed back on an island against the Danube by Russian storm units sweeping forward in hand-to-hand fighting. Complete elimination of this enemy holdout group appeared likely in a matter of hours.

Mopped Up
Red army storm units now were operating in the three-mile long, half-mile wide crescent of land between the Danube river and the Danube canal—an area which includes the old Jewish quarter of Leopoldstadt and the Brigittenau and Prater commercial districts. Everything west and south of the canal had been mopped up by the Russians.

There was no indication that the Germans yet had blown the four bridges over the Danube, one of which probably already is in Russian hands, a Moscow dispatch said. The Germans still could fight their way eastward across the Danube on the two main bridges—Reichbuecke and Florisdorf—but once on the other side the nazis would face the gun muzzles of Malinovsky's men who already had closed in on the only escape road to Bruenn.

POLICY DECISIONS MAY BE POSTPONED

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—The American conference may postpone some important policy decisions until it can canvass potential objections of other countries at San Francisco.

This possibility developed today as the group resumed discussion, behind a self-imposed secrecy veil, of a wide range of topics growing out of plans to set up a world peace-keeping organization. Although Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) is reported to have plugged for the issuance of daily communiques on the policy-framing talks, his apparently was the only vote favoring such procedure.

Back Compromise
Vandenberg has before the delegation a series of amendments, and there were strong indications that majority of his colleagues are leaning toward a compromise version of one of them. It calls for the proposed peace league to be given authority to review wartime political decisions.

The Michigan senator has suggested that the projected 11-member security council of the league be permitted to "recommend appropriate measures of adjustment including the 'revision of treaties and of prior international decisions,' if it finds a dispute threatens war.

A diluted version of this may find tentative acceptance with in the American group, but it (Continued on Page Two)

Senator Charges OPA Called Off Trap To Catch Black Market Meat Operators

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) leveled a new barrage of criticism against the OPA today at senate food investigation hearings.

Shaking his finger at Thomas I. Emerson, deputy OPA administrator in charge of enforcement, Wheeler declared OPA enforcement officers had been called off when a trap was set two years ago for a gang of black market meat operators.

Describing Emerson as an "inexperienced boy," the Montanan said: "May as Well Close"
"If they don't get somebody else down there in charge of enforcement they might as well close up the OPA."

Emerson had informed the committee earlier that he was leaving OPA. He said he was "in the process of changing" to the office of economic stabilization where he would be general counsel.

Sentiment apparently was mounting in the agriculture committee for a formal rebuke to OPA on its handling of the whole meat situation.

Brundidge Story
Wheeler put into the record a telegram from Harry T. Brundidge, a writer for Cosmopolitan magazine, which related this story:

In the spring of 1943, Brundidge undertook to expose black market operations in meat. He posed as a buyer for New York night clubs and got in touch with an independent packer at Kansas City who said he had connections with black market dealers in Omaha, Denver and Chicago.

Jerome W. Walsh, OPA representative at Kansas City, and Maurice M. Milligan, U. S. attorney for the western district of Missouri, worked with Brundidge. OPA agents accompanied the writer in his negotiations with the black marketers.

Agreement Made
At a meeting in New York, an agreement was made for purchase of from 800,000 to 1,000,000 pounds of meat a week. Brundidge was to go to Kansas City to make the first payment and it was planned to spring the trap at that time.

Brundidge went to the Blackstone hotel, Chicago, where he was to meet two OPA men who were to go to Kansas City with him.

Emerson called off the two OPA men, however, the tele-

LOGS IN LAKE AS OPERATION BEGINS

First logs were dumped into Agency lake this week as the start of a lumbering operation involving the old Wheeler mill on Upper Klamath lake and the Klamath Lake Moulding company on So. 6th, as well as the Klamath Pine company and Drew and Heriza, logging contractors.

The latter outfit, headed by Greer Drew and John Heriza, is doing the logging for the Klamath Pine company, headed by Lawrence Shaw, which is in turn furnishing logs to the Wheeler mill operated by the Klamath Lake Moulding company (Loren Palmerton, William Spangler and Don Weidler of Chicago).

Lumber from the sawmill will be remanufactured at the Klamath Lake's South Sixth operation.

The logs will come largely from the unit of 10,000,000 feet just purchased by Shaw from the Rogue River national forest near Crater lake park, How- (Continued on Page Two)

Film Actress Dies in Fire

HOLLYWOOD, April 11 (AP)—Blonde Gloria Dickson, of the film was dead today, suffocation victim of a fire which swept her hillside home overlooking the film capital.

The seared, half-clad body of the 27-year-old actress was found in a second-floor bathroom in a position which Fire Capt. Joe Sehenk said indicated she had tried to reach a window. Near her body lay that of her dog, a boxer.

Rear Admiral To Give Awards

Rear Admiral J. J. Balentine, commander fleet air, Seattle, arrived by plane at the Klamath naval air station shortly after noon today.

The admiral will present to 55 members of the old Air Group 7 some 80-odd awards, including a Navy Cross, in a ceremony slated for early this afternoon at the station.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Cables from Europe today are busily writing the last chapters of another war of conquest that is now in its last stages.

That a tale of horror it has been. Bela Fabian, president of dissolved Hungarian Independent Democratic party (who apparently made his way to lines in central Germany) has a dark contribution to the pages. FIVE MILLION (he says) speaking as an witness, were gassed and killed by the nazis at a der factory in upper Silesia.

Is this the 20th century? We could easily doubt it. We are reading the story of wars of Genghis Khan and Erlan, and their monuments of human skulls. Or of the Hun, who so scourged Europe that for centuries tradition persisted that the never grew again where hoofs of his Mongol ponies.

We are living in a world that goes always forward and up, away from that which is and ever onward toward thing that is better. We are slipping backward the gloomy shadows of the

Is it not for the PERSPECTIVE OF HISTORY, might sink easily into the less mass of utter pessimism. But, FORTUNATELY, pages of history keep the hope shining in the sky. History tells us that after the civilization of Greece and gloomier but still solid civilization of Rome had been in the blood and the glory of the Dark Ages and far happier civilization arose upon the ruins. It is a fact that CIOUS assurance. We shall it in the days that are yet come.

Enough of moralizing. Let us get on with the story.

The center of the German western front has been shattered, and its north and south laid open to annihilating attacks.

The steel-tipped spearhead of the 9th army is EAST OF NSWICK—less than 90 miles from Berlin. As these are written, its advanced are reported only 46 miles from the Elbe—the first possible of any kind of German

gathers from the disassembled within a matter of

the south of the 9th, our 3rd armies are on loose and going fast. They are plunging across the Thuringian plain toward Leipzig, only miles away. They have made up to 40 MILES in 24 hours.

At Leipzig, it seems that they may effect a junction with the Russians. They are moving so swiftly and CONFIDENTLY that their spearheads are by big and important cities. They are scooped up later by the wing infantry.

drive across the waist of Germany is shattering badly the hope of the nazis to retire in their long-prepared hideout in Austria and Bavarian states. Their hopes are being further smashed by the Russian driving into the Alps from the north, and by our allied forces northward from Italy.

Russians have completed the encirclement of Vienna and are pushing ON BEYOND. The head of the valley of the Danube—headed for a junction with the American armies. An Russian force is pushing (Continued on Page Two)

NATION TO APPEAL FOR MORE PORKERS

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—An agriculture department report cleared the way today for a government appeal to farmers to produce upwards of 20 per cent more pigs next fall. The report said stocks of corn on farms are at a near-record level for this time of year.

Because of the extreme shortage of meats for military and civilian demands, the war food administration has been considering a change in price policies designed to step up pork production.

Final decision awaited yesterday's report on corn reserves. It estimated such reserves at 1,340,000,000 bushels—23 per cent more than a year ago—and said they are sufficient to support livestock production at a heavy rate. In the midwestern corn-hog belt about a fourth more corn was said to remain on farms April 1 than a year ago.

The prospective appeal for more hogs may carry with it a promise to support prices of the animals at from 50 to 75 cents a hundred pounds above the present \$12.50, Chicago basis, guarantee. Action of the government in reducing the support price from \$13.75 to \$12.50 last fall has been assigned as a reason for the smaller pig crop this spring.

Review of U. S. Contracts Asked

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) today advocated a congressional review of government aluminum contracts to determine "if they tend to foster monopolies."

He made his statement during a senate small business committee inquiry into a new government contract with the aluminum company of Canada for the purchase of 250,000,000 pounds of aluminum the latter half of 1945.

Rep. Coffee (D-Wash.) contended that government agencies had "thumbed their noses" at congress in contracting for the development of aluminum in Canada.