

THE ARMY CLEARS RUHR POCKET

Herald and News

In The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland
KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1945

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Number 10444

Home Front Casualty List Expands

Russians 55 Miles From Yank Lines; Berlin Front Opens

LONDON, April 19 (AP)—A German radio commentator reported today that Russian forces had reached Hoyerswerda, 31 miles northeast of Dresden and 55 miles from American lines northeast of Chemnitz.

German broadcasts said the massive Russian assault, declared mounted on a front of 200 miles from Stettin to Saxony by a force of 2,500,000 men, had cracked the Berlin front at multiple points in an arc 18 to 24 miles from the German capital.

The Warsaw radio broadcast a Polish order of the day announcing that Polish troops had crossed the Oder and Neisse rivers with the red army Monday and were now engaged in the battle for Berlin. This was the first official allied confirmation of the beginning of Marshal Stalin's great spring offensive.

The Germans said Stalin today launched his fourth offensive of the series—an assault against Stettin at the mouth of the Oder.

The Germans said the Russians were fighting in the suburbs of Bautzen, 24 miles east of Dresden, and had captured Seelow and Wriezen, east and northeast of Berlin.

Transocean's correspondent, Karl Bluetter, broadcast that "the battle for Berlin in the east is approaching its climax."

He said the Russians were but four kilometers northeast of Muencheberg, or about 16 miles due east of Berlin's city limits, and were east of Buckow, also 16 miles east of Berlin.

Wriezen, 23 miles northeast of Berlin, had been captured, he said, along with Seelow, 25 miles due east.

Transocean's correspondent, Karl Bluetter, broadcast that "the battle for Berlin in the east is approaching its climax."

He said the Russians were but four kilometers northeast of Muencheberg, or about 16 miles due east of Berlin's city limits, and were east of Buckow, also 16 miles east of Berlin.

Wriezen, 23 miles northeast of Berlin, had been captured, he said, along with Seelow, 25 miles due east.

Transocean's correspondent, Karl Bluetter, broadcast that "the battle for Berlin in the east is approaching its climax."

He said the Russians were but four kilometers northeast of Muencheberg, or about 16 miles due east of Berlin's city limits, and were east of Buckow, also 16 miles east of Berlin.

Wriezen, 23 miles northeast of Berlin, had been captured, he said, along with Seelow, 25 miles due east.

Transocean's correspondent, Karl Bluetter, broadcast that "the battle for Berlin in the east is approaching its climax."

He said the Russians were but four kilometers northeast of Muencheberg, or about 16 miles due east of Berlin's city limits, and were east of Buckow, also 16 miles east of Berlin.

Wriezen, 23 miles northeast of Berlin, had been captured, he said, along with Seelow, 25 miles due east.

Transocean's correspondent, Karl Bluetter, broadcast that "the battle for Berlin in the east is approaching its climax."

He said the Russians were but four kilometers northeast of Muencheberg, or about 16 miles due east of Berlin's city limits, and were east of Buckow, also 16 miles east of Berlin.

Wriezen, 23 miles northeast of Berlin, had been captured, he said, along with Seelow, 25 miles due east.

Transocean's correspondent, Karl Bluetter, broadcast that "the battle for Berlin in the east is approaching its climax."

He said the Russians were but four kilometers northeast of Muencheberg, or about 16 miles due east of Berlin's city limits, and were east of Buckow, also 16 miles east of Berlin.

Wriezen, 23 miles northeast of Berlin, had been captured, he said, along with Seelow, 25 miles due east.

Prep Political Campaigners



Klamath Union high school students are getting a practical lesson in political strategy in a red hot campaign now under way for next year's student body officers. Most of the vote-getting methods used by their elders, and some interesting new ones, are being tried by such youngsters as the above group. The girls—Effie Botens, Darlene Gehrman and Joan O'Neill—are running for student body secretary. The boys—Jim Howard, George Zupan and Rodney Murray—want to be student body president.

Marines Sweep Over Tip Of Okinawa as Doughboys Again Invade Mindanao

By LEONARD MILLMAN
Associated Press War Editor

American marines reached the northern tip of Okinawa island placing them exactly 325 miles from Japan and army units swept up 35 miles of the Mindanao coastline in a second invasion of that major Philippine island. American commanders announced today.

Their successes were matched by the British who captured three towns in central Burma and in northern central China by Chinese who recaptured Fanching, nullifying the enemy's recent Huphe province offensive.

Fighter planes from Iwo Jima reportedly swept over Tokyo airfields today. Philippines-based bombers wrecked 95 Japanese ocean-going and river vessels and heavily pounded northern Formosa airdromes. Japanese, lacking air power for such strikes, sent reinforced infantry columns in a two-pronged drive to knock out the U. S. Chihkiang air base in central China.

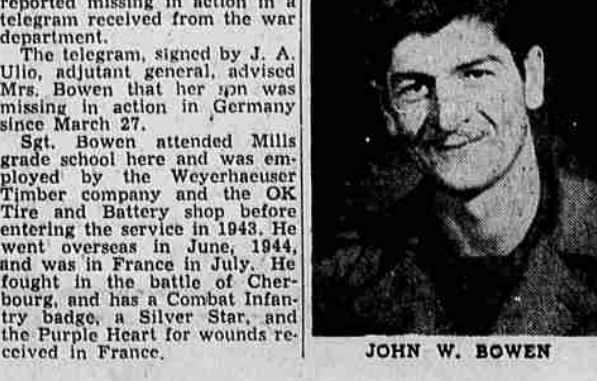
American casualties in the month long land and sea operations centering around Okinawa mounted to 7988, including 1482 dead, 1758 missing and 4750 wounded. Naval personnel suffered the most. Japanese killed in land operations alone on Okinawa and a dozen lesser islands invaded were 9108 as of last Saturday.

U. S. navy losses were 4700. The break down showed 989 navy men killed, 1481 missing and 2200 wounded. Presumably

The telegram, signed by J. A. Uilo, adjutant general, advised Mrs. Bowen that her son was missing in action in Germany since March 27.

Sgt. Bowen attended Mills grade school here and was employed by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company and the OK Tire and Battery shop before entering the service in 1943. He went overseas in June, 1944, and was in France in July. He fought in the battle of Cherbourg, and has a Combat Infantry badge, a Silver Star, and the Purple Heart for wounds received in France.

John W. Bowen Reported Missing



JOHN W. BOWEN

Five Injured In Car Crash; Angler Drowns

A miscellany of accidents, including the drowning of a fisherman, expanded the home front casualty list here yesterday and today.

Slipping from a slick log while fishing, Martin M. Peplau, 30, drowned in Upper Klamath lake yesterday before the eyes of his frantic wife.

The accident occurred near the old log underpass at the edge of the lake at Algoma. Mr. and Mrs. Peplau had been fishing there for some time, and Peplau ventured out on the log to improve his cast.

Slips Off Log
He slipped off, floundered in the water, and sank 25 feet off shore in about 18 feet of water.

Mrs. Peplau ran to Algoma station for help. A call was made to the sheriff's office, and Sheriff Lloyd Low and his deputy, Jack Franey, responded.

No boat was available, and the officers worked their way out into the lake on an old raft that was tied in the old Algoma mill pond. They pulled the raft along with their hands for about 500 feet.

Find Body
They grappled for the body, and found it about 4:15, a little more than two hours after the drowning.

Mrs. Peplau said her husband was a good swimmer. She was slightly injured in falls on the rocks as she ran for help.

The family lives at Pelican City, where Peplau was night electrician for the Pelican Bay Lumber company.

Five Injured
Five persons were injured, three seriously, when a small truck and coupe sideswiped shortly before 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Weyerhaeuser junction and highway 86.

In Hillside hospital is James Barry Cole, 79, driver of the coupe. At Klamath Valley hospital is his companion, George Russell, about 70, and a 14-year-old boy, Jack Carl Sharples, who, state police said, was riding on the trunk of Cole's car.

Albert Jewell McFarland, 28, route 3 box 227C, and his wife, Mary Ellen, 24, riding in the Ford truck, suffered minor injuries but were not hospitalized.

State police said that Cole, gate watchman at Weyerhaeuser Timber company, was en route to his home in the Long Lake section, when he turned sharply in front of the McFarland truck.

There were three young boys (Continued on Page Six)

More Training Eyed for Youths

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—A bipartisan senate group tried today to write into selective service extension legislation a ban against sending 18-year-olds into combat without at least six months' training.

Senator Ed Johnson of Colorado, ranking democrat on the military affairs committee and one of the authors of the amendment, claimed support for it was mounting and predicted its adoption. Other authors are Senators Stewart (D-Tenn.), Revercomb (R-W.Va.), and Wilson (R-Ia.).

Nazi PW Roster Taken by Yanks

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, April 19 (AP)—Germany's complete roster of prisoners of war, including an itemization of all captives from every allied country taken by the Germans since the outbreak of the war, has been seized by American third army troops.

The important seizure was accomplished by soldiers of Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy's 12th corps, the corps which captured the German gold reserve.

The captured records contain the latest whereabouts of allied prisoners of war, their dates of capture and other data. They list the prisoners who have died since their capture and those wounded when taken.

Restrictions Out, Spuds Too

WFA shipping restrictions on Klamath basin potatoes were lifted today, but there weren't many potatoes left for unrestricted shipping.

In fact, the biggest potato crop in Klamath basin history, both in volume and value, was virtually cleaned up. State-Federal Inspector Ross Aubrey said shipments of 1944 potatoes have dwindled to from two to five carloads a day, and only from 25 to 50 carloads remain in the basin. All of these have probably been contracted.

Shipments for the season today had reached the record total of 12,450 carloads, and returns to farmers approached \$10,500,000.

LEIPZIG WON; BRITONS NEAR HAMBURG PORT

Germans Drive Into Rear Area of 9th Army

PARIS, April 19 (AP)—The first army has captured Leipzig, fifth city of Germany, and with the ninth army seized all of the great Ruhr pocket in perhaps the greatest victory of the war.

Britons of the north flank closed within six miles and sight of the greatest continental port of Hamburg. They reached the lower Elbe river on a 20-mile front.

Just to the south, a thousand Germans with 20 tanks struck out from the British sector and drove three to 15 miles into the rear of the ninth army west of captured Stendal. They were engaged by cavalry forces. The foray was isolated and the Germans appeared to be trying to slip through the ninth army's Ruhr area into the besieged Harz mountain pocket, southwest of the ninth army's five-mile deep bridgehead pointed within 52 miles of Berlin.

Army divisions were fighting hard for Nuernberg, citadel of Nazi festivals. Dessau and Halle were falling.

There were no reports later than those a day old which placed the third army two miles inside Czechoslovakia within eight of Asch.

Cities Taken
In the great array of captured cities were Duesseldorf, largest in the Ruhr, Solingen, Remscheid, Fuerth, Zwickau, Lune-

burg, Ansbach and Ulzen. The British captured Uelzen only after six days of savage battle.

Bremen was besieged and Britons fought in its suburbs against nazis reported rallied two days ago by Heinrich Himmler. (Continued on Page Two)

PARIS, April 19 (AP)—A German military spokesman said tonight that the American third army had thrust east from Hof across the extreme northwest tip of Czechoslovakia and reached Bad Elster in Germany 30 miles west of Karlsbad.

The radio dispatch from the official DNE news agency placed the third army within 95 miles of Prague and 62 of the Skoda munitions plants at Pilsen. By reaching Bad Elster, the Czechoslovak city of Asch—once headquarters of Konrad Henlein who stirred the Sudeten crisis—was outflanked. Bad Elster is five miles northeast of Asch.

Germany on Edge Of Razor, Says Minister Goebbels

LONDON, April 19 (AP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels told the German people today the nation was "balancing on the razor's edge" and called upon them to stand behind Hitler and "by a last all-out effort make sure that the reich does not break apart."

Although Goebbels was scheduled to broadcast his address last night on the eve of Hitler's 56th birthday, the text was distributed in advance by the official DNE news agency in a special radio transcription to German newspapers, and since became available here before it reached the ears of its intended audience.

For the most part the speech was devoted to recouping praise of the Fuehrer, indicating that he remains at least the nominal chief of the crumbling Nazi structure despite rumors of Heinrich Himmler's ascendancy.

Jap Troops Aim Toward Air Base

CHUNGKING, April 19 (AP)—Japanese troops aiming an offensive at Chihkiang have driven within 65 miles of that important U. S. 14th air force base in western Hunan province, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

The advance was made in an area 25 miles north of Faoching, Hunan base from which the new offensive was launched. American planes were hurled against the drive.

German Rails Pulverized

LONDON, April 19 (AP)—German railway targets in the southern reich and in Czechoslovakia were attacked today for the fourth successive day by 800 U. S. eighth air force heavy bombers and 550 fighters, which also continued to search for remnants of German air power.

British and Russian bombers hammered Berlin in relays again last night.

Jap Admits Ruin From Air Raids

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19 (AP)—A Tokyo radio commentator bluntly admitted today that "a portion of the capital has been completely ruined" by American air raids.

He said this had given Japanese war workers, who "stood up again from the midst of the debris," an added incentive to increase aircraft production.

The broadcast was intercepted by the federal communications commission.

Today's News

by FRANK JENKINS

Kremlin is still as mum as oyster, but German reports indicate that the Russians are attacking cranking Berlin's defenses. Transocean (man) dispatches place the front line only 18 miles from city's outer limits.

Russians seem to be attacking westward on a fairly front. As their center is up by stubborn German renege their flanks are flowing to the north and the

Moscow radio says unofficially: "The curtain is on the European war, the time is at hand for the armies from the west and east to unite."

may be.

the south of Berlin. Transocean places the reds today only 18 miles east of Dresden and only 40 MILES from a front with Patton's 3rd army spearheads. It says Russian penetrations from Neisse river bridgeheads are "not narrow." Deep, narrow offensive wedges are usually sign of WEAK enemy option.

isn't safe to drive deep, wedges into a strong line.

and the British are still drawn up west of the Elbe, one bridgehead west of Ber-

Presumably we are bringing up supplies and gathering strength for another swift, hard

General Bradley, commanding 12th army group composed of the 1st, 3rd, 9th and 15th, says today that "one of the thrust into the heart of Germany is ended and it is necessary to pause temporarily while we go into the next."

entering Czechoslovakia, our third army has cut all main, straight, fast routes northern Germany into the

headed in that direction have to use minor, round-

roads and highways.

he heavily bombing all means leading into this moun-

take-up, including those out of Italy—devoting

ular attention to the Bren-

are that the reich does not

central Germany we take of the greatest ammunition

gasoline dumps yet. The

guns and 90 huge bunkers with artillery shells—in-

27,000 containing "toxic" on gas.

the nazis have been expected art using poison gas at any

and these shells in that they have it on hand

ready for use. One suspects

secrely we'd like nothing than to have them start

warfare. We're well heeled way along and gas would be

in cleaning the last stand (Continued on Page Two)

ermer Lumber Worker Sits for First Time in Year

er to Be Taken Trial, Unless Resists, Stimson.

SHINGTON, April 19 (AP) Secretary Stimson said today that if American troops upon Adolf Hitler he will be held for action by authority "unless he re-

secretary was asked at a conference if G. I.'s had instructed on what to do if discovered Hitler, that is, whether to take him or stick

son, laughing, replied "You may be sure American will do their full duty if circumstances arise."

Market High

bers Lose

W YORK, April 19 (AP)—Stock market ran into relatively heavy profit selling in heavy trading today and recent gains to 8-year highs suffered reversals running to \$1 or more.

financial influences, including the fact that the averages have been for seven successive days on optimism inspired by reports from the Washington administration, were blamed mainly for the reaction.

in futures declined. Security railway bonds were re-

ermer Lumber Worker Sits for First Time in Year

er to Be Taken Trial, Unless Resists, Stimson.

SHINGTON, April 19 (AP) Secretary Stimson said today that if American troops upon Adolf Hitler he will be held for action by authority "unless he re-

secretary was asked at a conference if G. I.'s had instructed on what to do if discovered Hitler, that is, whether to take him or stick

son, laughing, replied "You may be sure American will do their full duty if circumstances arise."

Market High

bers Lose

W YORK, April 19 (AP)—Stock market ran into relatively heavy profit selling in heavy trading today and recent gains to 8-year highs suffered reversals running to \$1 or more.

financial influences, including the fact that the averages have been for seven successive days on optimism inspired by reports from the Washington administration, were blamed mainly for the reaction.

in futures declined. Security railway bonds were re-

ermer Lumber Worker Sits for First Time in Year

er to Be Taken Trial, Unless Resists, Stimson.

SHINGTON, April 19 (AP) Secretary Stimson said today that if American troops upon Adolf Hitler he will be held for action by authority "unless he re-

secretary was asked at a conference if G. I.'s had instructed on what to do if discovered Hitler, that is, whether to take him or stick

son, laughing, replied "You may be sure American will do their full duty if circumstances arise."

Market High

bers Lose

W YORK, April 19 (AP)—Stock market ran into relatively heavy profit selling in heavy trading today and recent gains to 8-year highs suffered reversals running to \$1 or more.

financial influences, including the fact that the averages have been for seven successive days on optimism inspired by reports from the Washington administration, were blamed mainly for the reaction.

in futures declined. Security railway bonds were re-

ermer Lumber Worker Sits for First Time in Year

er to Be Taken Trial, Unless Resists, Stimson.

SHINGTON, April 19 (AP) Secretary Stimson said today that if American troops upon Adolf Hitler he will be held for action by authority "unless he re-

secretary was asked at a conference if G. I.'s had instructed on what to do if discovered Hitler, that is, whether to take him or stick

son, laughing, replied "You may be sure American will do their full duty if circumstances arise."

Market High

bers Lose

W YORK, April 19 (AP)—Stock market ran into relatively heavy profit selling in heavy trading today and recent gains to 8-year highs suffered reversals running to \$1 or more.

financial influences, including the fact that the averages have been for seven successive days on optimism inspired by reports from the Washington administration, were blamed mainly for the reaction.

in futures declined. Security railway bonds were re-

ermer Lumber Worker Sits for First Time in Year

er to Be Taken Trial, Unless Resists, Stimson.

SHINGTON, April 19 (AP) Secretary Stimson said today that if American troops upon Adolf Hitler he will be held for action by authority "unless he re-

secretary was asked at a conference if G. I.'s had instructed on what to do if discovered Hitler, that is, whether to take him or stick

son, laughing, replied "You may be sure American will do their full duty if circumstances arise."

Market High

bers Lose

W YORK, April 19 (AP)—Stock market ran into relatively heavy profit selling in heavy trading today and recent gains to 8-year highs suffered reversals running to \$1 or more.

financial influences, including the fact that the averages have been for seven successive days on optimism inspired by reports from the Washington administration, were blamed mainly for the reaction.

in futures declined. Security railway bonds were re-

ermer Lumber Worker Sits for First Time in Year

er to Be Taken Trial, Unless Resists, Stimson.

SHINGTON, April 19 (AP) Secretary Stimson said today that if American troops upon Adolf Hitler he will be held for action by authority "unless he re-

secretary was asked at a conference if G. I.'s had instructed on what to do if discovered Hitler, that is, whether to take him or stick

son, laughing, replied "You may be sure American will do their full duty if circumstances arise."

Market High

bers Lose

W YORK, April 19 (AP)—Stock market ran into relatively heavy profit selling in heavy trading today and recent gains to 8-year highs suffered reversals running to \$1 or more.

financial influences, including the fact that the averages have been for seven successive days on optimism inspired by reports from the Washington administration, were blamed mainly for the reaction.

in futures declined. Security railway bonds were re-

ermer Lumber Worker Sits for First Time in Year

er to Be Taken Trial, Unless Resists, Stimson.

SHINGTON, April 19 (AP) Secretary Stimson said today that if American troops upon Adolf Hitler he will be held for action by authority "unless he re-

secretary was asked at a conference if G. I.'s had instructed on what to do if discovered Hitler, that is, whether to take him or stick

son, laughing, replied "You may be sure American will do their full duty if circumstances arise."

Market High

bers Lose

W YORK, April 19 (AP)—Stock market ran into relatively heavy profit selling in heavy trading today and recent gains to 8-year highs suffered reversals running to \$1 or more.

financial influences, including the fact that the averages have been for seven successive days on optimism inspired by reports from the Washington administration, were blamed mainly for the reaction.

in futures declined. Security railway bonds were re-

ermer Lumber Worker Sits for First Time in Year

er to Be Taken Trial, Unless Resists, Stimson.

SHINGTON, April 19 (AP) Secretary Stimson said today that if American troops upon Adolf Hitler he will be held for action by authority "unless he re-

secretary was asked at a conference if G. I.'s had instructed on what to do if discovered Hitler, that is, whether to take him or stick

son, laughing, replied "You may be sure American will do their full duty if circumstances arise."

Market High

bers Lose

W YORK, April 19 (AP)—Stock market ran into relatively heavy profit selling in heavy trading today and recent gains to 8-year highs suffered reversals running to \$1 or more.

financial influences, including the fact that the averages have been for seven successive days on optimism inspired by reports from the Washington administration, were blamed mainly for the reaction.

in futures declined. Security railway bonds were re-

ermer Lumber Worker Sits for First Time in Year

er to Be Taken Trial, Unless Resists, Stimson.