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Today's News

By FRANK JENKINS
There is really no news today because all the NEWS is in the tight fist of a censor—that is international. So follows here is guesswork, must be accepted as such.

Obviously all over in Berlin the final path of the city may already be decided by the Russians, who last night that the fingers of their encircling arms were 10 miles apart. The Russians are described today as being toward the city's heart, the bodies of Germans had been forbidden to re-

ferences in London that are reliable think its fall come within two days.

Germans insist that Hitler is on the job in Berlin, being the battle personally. It is probably propaganda. It certainly wouldn't be a policy for whom everyone is expected to sell his gun here to hold the bag.

LL, he might be in Berlin, advertised. You never can what a megalomaniac who visions and hears voices do.

morning the wires have been jittery with excitement. The official announcement that we and the Russians joined up is obviously excited at any moment. One that it HAS HAPPENED, but as these words are the announcement hasn't

ooks today like Patton is leading directly for Berchtesgaden, via Munich and Salzburg, to the Russians to up the Danube valley from a cut off the Bavarian sub from the Czechoslovak armament centers of Prague.

is reported today at Regensburg, north of 100 miles of Berchtesgaden it-

TE the prevalence of the word "salz" in the place of the hideout area—Salz, Obersalzberg, Salzkammer, etc. "Salz" is the German word for salt, and ancient times, worked for centuries, tunnels and hollowed-out caverns deep into the mountains are integral parts of the defense system the Nazis called the burrowing japs appeared to have built there. General American translation would be Saltville.

TT get unduly excited about V-E Day, which at best is only a sort of token day. As nearly as can be seen, the propaganda of the day has to pass for the only practical chance of V-E Day will be day-off date for the pools—

are supposed to run into many millions.

the situation now stands, Germany will be cut up into four pockets. When this is done, the job is completed and can't be long now we'll be with the nasty, bloody, dirty minor job of mopping up which we have become familiar in the Palau Islands.

It is the unavoidable aftermath of indoctrination of peoples with savage. If we and the Russians have any HORSE at all, the first thing we'll do the way of building a new

ward Elected HS President

ampaign speeches, placards and other forms of politics abandoned at Klamath high school Tuesday with announcement of election on student body officers year of 1945-1946.

Howard was the students' president, while Bud will take over the position first vice president. Bill well was elected second president, and the office of under fell to Fred Reeves.

to be a re-vote between Bolens and Darlene Gehrman the position of secretary, both having received an equal number of

plains were underway on 17, after candidates for the office were passed and accepted by the eligibility committee. Politics, rivaling by their elders, were by the nominees in that they were free to can-

Three Armies Strike South Toward Alps

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, April 24 (AP)—U. S. third army troops struck forward 23 miles today, cutting within 35 miles of Austria and 93 of Berchtesgaden, while westward other Americans forced a third crossing of the Danube and overran Ulm.

Three armies were hitting southward into the Nazis' Alpine redoubt. Russians were sweeping in from the east, and the Germans said soviet forces were within 89 miles of Berchtesgaden, Hitler's mountain retreat.

A 23-mile dash by the third army's 11th armored division, bypassing Regensburg, carried to Arnsried, 40 miles east of that manufacturing center and 11 miles north of the Danube.

There the 11th was 35 miles from the Austrian border, 77 from Linz, and 85 from Salzburg.

An American-Russian junction was expected momentarily in the center, splitting Germany.

Not Announced
(Although there were indications early today that the formal announcement of the link-up—London and Moscow—was imminent, no eastern war time, passed without indication as to when it would come.)

Troops of the American third army pressed to within 93 miles of the Austrian strongholds of Linz and Salzburg, eastern gateways to the southern redoubt. The seventh army closed down the last 50 miles toward Munich and the French first army advanced close to the Austrian frontier and reduced three large pockets behind the lines.

Ulm Falls
Ulm, second Wurttemberg city of 60,000, is on the Danube. It was the scene of one of Napoleon's most complete victories. It fell after a 10-mile advance.

Lt. Gen. George Patton's powerful third army made additional gains of 18 miles in the Regensburg area.

Captured German documents said that Field Marshal Irwin Rommel died at Ulm last October 14 of wounds received in a strafing attack in Normandy.

It was at Ulm in 1805 that the Austrian army surrendered to Napoleon near the 14th century Gothic cathedral, higher than the Cologne edifice and second only to it in size. The Danube is navigable from Ulm to the Black sea.

Supreme headquarters, muffled on any word of a junction with the Russians pending governmental announcements by the Big Three, could give no news of the American first and ninth army lines along the Elbe and east of Leipzig. Many correspondents believed preliminary contact with the Russians already had been made.

Nazis Waylay, Shoot Americans
ON THE ELBE, Germany, April 24 (AP)—Three German soldiers waylaid three American soldiers, shot them in the back and donned their uniforms, the U. S. ninth army announced today.

One of the Americans was a medical officer. The Americans were ambushed while riding in a jeep. After capturing the Americans, the Germans, one an SS trooper, took them inside a house, turned their faces to a wall and opened fire. They started roaming the rear area in the jeep.

(The dispatch did not say whether the Germans had been captured.)

Farmer Sues Water District
Charging that the Horsely Irrigation district failed to provide water and that this resulted in the loss of his entire potato crop, W. O. Smith, Klamath farmer, today filed suit in circuit court against the district seeking \$2213.65, special damages, and \$7000, general damages.

Smith charged that he had under cultivation, eight acres which he had leased from Frank Toffel, the property subject to the Horsely Irrigation district and entitled to be furnished with water for irrigating purposes.

The farmer said that in 1943, prior to the commencement of the growing season, he notified the district that the land would be cultivated and the district agreed to provide water.

The defendant then cultivated the land and planted potatoes at a cost in actual expense of \$2213.65, and that the district failed to provide water which resulted in an entire crop loss.

R. B. Maxwell is attorney for the plaintiff.

Gen. Giles Named To Head Forces
WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Appointment of Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles as commanding general of the army air forces in the Pacific ocean area was announced today by the war department.

General Giles will be replaced as deputy commander of the army air forces and chief of the air staff by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, who has been commanding of the Mediterranean allied air force since December, 1943.

General Giles replaces Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, reported missing on a flight in the Pacific several weeks ago.

Marshal Petain Enters Switzerland, May Stand Trial in France; Leopold Expected

By THOMAS HAWKINS
BERN, April 24 (AP)—Aged Marshal Petain entered Switzerland from Germany today after declaring himself willing to stand trial in France. And King Leopold of Belgium, who surrendered to the Germans in 1940, was expected to reach the Swiss frontier some time during the day.

Pierre Laval, arch collaborator of the Vichy regime, appeared at the frontier of nearby Liechtenstein, but was refused entry. Laval is under a death sentence imposed by a Marseille court which convicted him in

absentia last fall on a charge of having had "intelligence with the enemy."

Deat Refused Entry
Marcel Deat, who was minister of state and labor in the Vichy government, arrived at the Swiss frontier during the day but was refused entry by the Swiss.

Petain, who observed his 89th birthday today, was allowed to enter Switzerland after asking and receiving official permission to cross the neutral country into France to surrender himself to French authorities.

The arrival of Petain and the expectation that King Leopold would reach Switzerland during the day indicated that the collapsing Nazi regime had permitted its potential hostages to leave—possibly through some understanding with the allied governments concerned.

Allies Informed
It was known that the allied governments had been informed in advance of Petain's coming and presumably gave their consent.

Petain arrived at the Swiss frontier town of Saint Margrethen by automobile in a (Continued on Page Three)

Russian Squeeze On Berlin

As two powerful soviet armies cut into the heart of Berlin, other Russian forces were reported only 16 miles apart in their drive to encircle the reich capital. Russia now holds one-third of the city, and an unconfirmed dispatch reported that the Tempelhof airdrome had been captured.

ALLIES CROSS PO, CAPTURE FERRARA

ROME, April 24 (AP)—U. S. Fifth army troops have swept across the Po river in pursuit of the retreating Germans and the British eighth army has captured Ferrara, where the enemy fought bitterly to the last, it was announced tonight.

Fifth army troops on the west coast seized the important Italian naval base of La Spezia, while 22 miles northwest of Bologna other units captured Modena, junction on Highway 9.

The offensive, still gaining momentum, has brought 40,000 prisoners into allied cages, plus large quantities of equipment.

The eighth army broke into the outskirts of Ferrara last night after plunging through disorganized and fleeing German forces to that road hub city 30 miles north and slightly east of Bologna. The Ferrara airfield was captured.

Official reports said the nazis were attempting to "escape" (Continued on Page Three)

Klamath Men to Visit Alturas

About 25 Klamath Falls men will leave for Alturas at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday on a good will visit arranged by the Klamath county chamber of commerce and the Modoc county defense council.

The plan is to repay a visit made last fall by the Modoc men, who came here as chamber guests. The party will meet at the chamber here at 3:30, and the meeting place in Alturas is the lobby of the Niles hotel.

Britain to Support Red Vote Demand, Says Attlee

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24 (AP)—Clement Attlee, deputy prime minister, announced today that Britain will support Russia's demand for three votes in the assembly of the proposed world organization.

Later it was learned that India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada—the entire list of British dominions—would follow Britain's lead.

Want Security
Declaring at an extraordinary news conference that "we do not come here as perfectionists but as grim realists" Attlee said his country was determined to gain security and would take the best solution it could get.

"Every delegation at this conference," he said, "should bear in mind the power of modern

weapons. Anyone who has lived as we have lived under bombs, flying bombs and rockets would find they had a powerful stimulant for security."

"Oh, Yes"
Attlee replied to the question of whether Britain would support the soviet three-vote demand with the words, "Oh, yes."

He declined, however, to say whether the British dominions would follow suit, although indicating this matter had been discussed at the recent empire conference in London.

He spoke out against attempting to gain security through dividing the world into regions with each region governed by its own arrangement or organization. He declared a world pact was the only answer, asserting "peace is indivisible."

Weather News

April 24, 1945
Max. (April 23) 58 Min. 48
Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
Stream year to date 8.14
Normal 9.97 Last year 8.91
Forecast: Cooler tonight.

One-Third Of Capital Captured

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
LONDON, April 24 (AP)—Russian troops have tightened their encirclement of Berlin—already more than one-third in soviet hands—and in a swift dash halfway across central Austria have swept to within 89 miles of Berchtesgaden, Hitler's mountain retreat.

The surge through Austria carried to Eiseners, 57 miles from Linz and 85 from Salzburg, the broadcast bulletin said. Americans of the third army are 93 miles from those two cities, and 110 from Berchtesgaden in their southward slice toward the Nazis' Alpine redoubt.

By German account, Russians in Austria were but 155 airline miles from a linkup with the U. S. third army.

Two powerful soviet armies were cutting into the heart of Berlin in savage street battles.

The German high command said the Russian encircling drive around the capital on the southwest had reached "areas southeast of Brandenburg, and east of Potsdam." Berlin's great western suburb, Brandenburg is 25 miles west of Berlin.

South of the crumbling citadel of nazism, other soviet forces drew near American troops waiting for an epochal merging of the eastern and western fronts.

The German communique, broadcast by the Hamburg radio, declared Germans still were resisting on the northern and eastern edges of Berlin.

As the battle for Berlin rose in fury—there was some belief here it might fall within two days—the German radio announced that Hitler had sent an eleventh-hour message to his one-time axis partner, Benito Mussolini, declaring the "struggle for our very existence has reached its climax."

The broadcast said that the message was sent to Mussolini in Milan and declared that "bolshivism and the troops of Jewry are staking all with the object of combining their destructive forces in Germany."

More than a third of Berlin was in Russian hands. German reports indicated that fighting was swirling through nearly one-half of the wrecked city last night. Red army troops and tanks advanced from point to point over bodies of Germans who had been refused permission to retreat.

Southwest of Berlin, now almost encircled, red army tanks drew up to the Elbe river at a point within 20 miles of American positions.

Berlin was being reduced to rubble, building by building, in savage street fighting as so many European cities have been before it. Both the first White Russian army and the first Ukrainian army had hurled the outskirts and were fighting well inside the central areas.

A Moscow communique announced that red army tanks had burst across the bolt road into the inner city and captured the metropolitan gas works, only eight blocks from Alexander Platz, a major commercial center.

Tickets for Play Available
Townpeople are invited to attend performances of "Charlie's Aunt" at the Marine Barracks theatre Saturday and Sunday, it was announced today. Tickets may be obtained without charge from the chamber of commerce office.

The popular comedy will be presented by the Leatherneck Players, composed of marines and their wives, at matinee performances Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p. m., and an evening performance at 8 Saturday.

Clinton Heiber Killed on Luzon
MALIN—Official word was received Saturday by Mrs. Louise Lyon of Malin that her brother, PFC Clinton L. Heiber, 27, was killed on Luzon, March 24.

Clinton, the second son of Mrs. Inez Heiber of Red Bluff, to die in action, entered the service in October, 1942. He was with the infantry, a member of the 33rd division.

Richard Heiber, fireman 2/e with the navy, 21, was killed in the South Pacific November 12, 1944. He was serving on the airplane carrier Essex.

The Heibers lived in Malin two years before moving to Red Bluff.

Clinton is survived by his mother, three sisters, Mrs. Lyon of Malin, Mrs. Leon Sloan of Longview, Wash., and Myrna Heiber of Chico.

Three brothers, Pvt. Kenneth Heiber, 19, training with the army air corps in Mississippi; Russell Heiber of Chico, and Duane Heiber of Red Bluff, also survive.

Want to Buy a Butter Plate?

Anyone with butter and no place to put it, might be interested to know the army is now selling off 193,603 bread and butter plates.

There are 176,312 dessert plates available now also. The U. S. treasury department's "Surplus Reporter" lists surplus commodities being sold off by the government. This publication is received by the Klamath chamber of commerce.

A few items listed in the April 21 issue of the "Surplus Reporter" include, besides the plates, all sorts of implements, tools, nutmeg graters, odometers, mirrors, hose (not the wearable kind), nozzles, sugar bowls, carpenter's chalk, rubber boats, chronometers, tail gates for hand carts, hammers, and watches—82 of them! There are 62 Hamiltons and 20 Elgins.

Anyone interested in obtaining any of the above items, inquire at the chamber of commerce.