

THE WEATHER
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Russians Near Stettin and Spring New Offensive to Encircle Breslau

Montgomery Hammers to Within Four Miles of Kleve

Paris—(AP)—Field Marshal Montgomery's powerful new offensive toward the Ruhr carried within four miles tonight of fire-racked Kleve, northern terminal of the original Siegfried line, and penetrated deeply in the west wall fortifications in the Reichswald.

Since dawn, the flame-throwing Canadian First army had advanced more than two miles deeper into northwest Germany and captured six more towns, one of them three miles from the Rhine before it branches out to form the Waal and Neder Rhine in Holland.

Most of the villages were in Germany. The nearest to Kleve was Frasselt and the nearest to the Rhine was the Dutch village of Leuth. Tubbes, on the main road from captured Kranenburg to Kleve, was taken along with Zandpol, Niel and Bredeweg in the onward surge of the Canadian and British tanks and infantry.

Long Dormant Sector

The new attack, bringing to life a long dormant sector, applied a pincer on the Ruhr, far to the south and the American First and Third armies were cutting up toward the arsenal region of coal and steel. In the center the American Ninth and British second armies were deployed along the Roer river for a frontal blow to the defense industrial area.

The new drive had carried from four to five miles inside Germany and deep into the Reichswald, 45 square miles of dense fir forests in which earthen works of the Siegfried line were overrun.

In the south and center, the American First army moved within a mile of the head Schwannau dam controlling Roer river flood levels and the Third army drove eight miles deep into the Reich and to within a mile of Pruem. The French First army stamped out the last organized German resistance south of Strasbourg and won holds on the west bank of the Rhine for more than 90 miles.

The longest Canadian gain of the rainy day was in the Frasselt area on the road from Kranenburg to Goch, like Kleve still burning from a massed air attack Wednesday night. Frasselt is eight miles from Goch, but other allied units are no more than five miles from the town. Between them, Kleve and Goch control 12 important roads.

Offensive "Easing Well"

The offensive was described officially as going well, but "by no means a walkover," particularly in the north where mines were profuse. See—WESTERN FRONT—Page 7

War Chiefs 'Doctored' Report to Show Need of Draft, Labor Organ Says

Washington—(AP)—The national weekly "Labor," organ of the standard railroad brotherhoods, today said army and navy chiefs "doctored" a manpower situation report to show a need for drafting labor.

Recalling its statement of six months ago that "brass hats" had edited a factual war production board report on munitions output to "inject more pessimism" into it,

ODT CONVENTION BAN CONDEMNED

Washington—(AP)—Several house members voiced indignation today over ODT's convention ban. The flurry started when Rep. Rich (R-Pa.) said an ODT regional office at Scranton, Pa., had forbidden a meeting of the Wyoming conference (southern New York and north Pennsylvania) of the Methodist Episcopal church.

"If the churches—I don't care if it's Methodist, Catholic or Jew—can't have these annual meetings the churches of this country will be retarded."

Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) declared a similar ban has befallen the Masonic grand lodge in his state and protested: "It violates the constitution. If they don't change that order congress ought to do something about it."

"You've been asking for it," child-aided Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) said. "This is a typical New Deal invasion into the churches. What more can you expect when you find Earl Browder (Communist leader) in the same political bed as the president of the United States?"

Rep. Bulwinkle (D-N.C.) ended the exchange by reminding members that about 200,000 freight and passenger cars have been tied up because of weather and other reasons.

"We can't permit all this to go on," he said. "Our first endeavor and thought must be to win victories in the Pacific and in Europe."

Deferment Sought For Son With Eight Brothers in Service

Lehigh, Pa.—(AP)—Mrs. Russell McFarland, whose eight sons are now in the armed services, sought today to have her ninth son deferred from induction.

Mrs. McFarland, whose second husband—10 years her junior—also is eligible for selective service, has seven sons overseas and one in this country. The ninth, Marcus K. Smith, is scheduled to register Saturday on his 18th birthday. There are three younger children.

Friends of Mrs. McFarland urged her to appeal to President Roosevelt to keep the ninth son at home. While she was considering this move, Mrs. McFarland was advised by a war department telegram that one of the sons already in service, Clinton, 20, had been missing in action in France since January 9.

"I wish that I could die instead of all this trouble," Mrs. McFarland said.

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and that two top WPB research men resigned as a result, the newspaper asserted:

"This week Labor learned the same kind of 'blue penciling' was administered by army and navy chiefs to a report on the manpower situation by the staff of the manpower commission."

The publication went on to say that when first drafted the report showed employment in war plants had turned sharply upward, that 100,000 more workers were added in December and the first half of January, and on the whole manpower problems were being solved.

"However," it added, "under orders issued some time ago by 'assistant president' James F. Byrnes, reports on manpower and production must make the rounds of all agencies concerned, including the army and navy, and get their 'okay' before it is issued publicly."

"As a result, when the manpower commission's report was finally released in the name of Chairman Paul V. McNutt, considerable editing had occurred to 'change the emphasis,' Labor was informed.

"The revised draft placed stress instead on 'manpower shortages' and played up the claim that production of critical items, because of such shortages, falls far short of meeting immediate demands."

\$50 Skiffs Would Have Been Junked For 5 Cents Apiece

Washington—(AP)—The maritime commission reported today "wide-spread interest" in its offering for sale of 1,400 new metal lifeboats which the navy discarded in favor of an improved type.

The commission took over the sale of the lifeboats after the navy had proposed to sell them for scrap at 5 cents each. The commission's price is \$50 each, or \$55 in lots of 20 or more, and 16 have been sold at the higher prices.

The commission regards them as ideal for use as swimming, fishing and duck blind floats, small boat piers or floating docks.

Midwest orders now will be taken in the Chicago branch office of the contract settlement and surplus materials division.

Scout Officials Take Over At 9:15 Saturday

Highlight of the 35th national Boy Scout week observance in Wisconsin Rapids will begin at 9:15 Saturday morning, when 65 Scouts from this area are shown in at the City Hall to begin a "short" term of service in various public offices.

City officials will meet with the boys at 9:30 to give them instructions on their duties and at 11 o'clock, there will be a regular Boy Scout council meeting. The public is invited to attend the council meeting and to observe the Boy Scouts on duty.

Senator Charges Williams 'Consorted' With 'Commies'

Washington—(AP)—Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.) tore into Aubrey Williams today as one who "consorted" with communists and had praised known members of the party.

London—(AP)—The Russians have smashed to within 25 miles of Stettin, the port of Berlin, and have exploded a fresh offensive northwest of Breslau threatening the encirclement of that huge Silesian industrial center, it was reported today.

Marshal Gregory Zhukov unlimbered one of the war's heaviest artillery barrages at fortifications along the Oder temporarily blocking the direct way to Berlin.

One of the first towns to fall in the new offensive of Marshal Ivan Konev from his Maltch bridgehead over the Oder was Parchwitz, 30



miles west-northwest of Breslau, the Berlin radio said. The German communique said the first Ukrainian army thrusts had carried "almost to the east fringe" of Liegnitz, a rail center of 76,000 a little more than eight miles southeast of Parchwitz.

The Russian armies were within 40 miles of closing the escape gap from Breslau, a city of 615,000. The town of Kurtisch, 12 miles south of Breslau, was captured yesterday.

While Moscow had not officially confirmed the launching of the new drive, Moscow dispatches said Konev in heavy fighting was "hitting at Liegnitz guarding the approaches of Saxony."

Nazis Execute Another Chief For Desertion

London—(AP)—The Germans announced today the execution of another mayor for fleeing his city before the advancing Red army.

Mayor Schroeter of Koenigsberg, a small Pomeranian town on the east side of the Oder between Berlin and Stettin, was "hanged for leaving his town without receiving evacuation orders," the Berlin radio said.

The first announcement did not locate Koenigsberg and left the impression that the capital of East Prussia was meant. Later Berlin broadcasts identified the town.

Schroeter was sentenced in court at Schwedt, 30 miles south of Stettin.

This was the third in a series of eastern front civilian executions announced by the Germans. Previously the deputy mayor of Breslau was executed and the police president and other officials of Rydzkoszcz (Bromberg), the fallen fortress in Poznan province, were executed "for cowardice."

The Paris radio said some foreign slave workers had risen against the Germans even as Heinrich Himmler organized German guerrillas for last ditch resistance against the allied invaders.

German authorities were reported to have prohibited further withdrawal of foreign workers from threatened areas in the east on the ground that those already evacuated.

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MEDICAL CARE FOR RESCUED PRISONERS—Some of the 513 allied soldiers, rescued in a daring raid by American Rangers and Filipino guerrillas on Japanese prison camp at Cabanatuan, Luzon, enter evacuation hospital for medical attention and rest. This picture, taken by Willard Hatch, ACME-NEA photographer, is one of the first of the rescued men to arrive in the United States.

Yanks Cross Pasig River, Strike For Docks at Manila

Manila—(AP)—U. S. infantrymen, splashing across the Pasig river in amphibious tanks, drove toward the prized dock section of Manila today in the face of new enemy demolition charges set off in the old Intramuros district, a death trap for its congested Filipino and Chinese residents.

Unseasonal rain dampened many of the scattered fires set wantonly by the desperate and trapped Japanese defenders but the Intramuros, or walled city, eluded so fiercely for a time that the heat could be felt blocks away.

(Some fires are still burning but the worst of the flames seem to have burned themselves out, George Thomas Folster reported in an NBC broadcast from Manila.

(He said a regiment of doughboys crossed the Pasig today "and there is hope that the property destroying phase of the battle for Manila may be nearing a close.")

Enter Southern Manila
The 37th infantry division, under Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler of Columbus, Ohio, entered southern Manila by crossing the wide Pasig river near the governmental Malacanang palace and began to root the Japanese who had destroyed the four bridges.

(Tokyo radio, the Blue network reported, said Malacanang palace was in flames and Japanese troops, "holding a line" from the palace to Manila station, had "destroyed all important military installations. The broadcast added "only a minimum (Japanese) force remains to preserve order.")

The Yanks worked south and southwestward through comparatively open spaces around the gas works, with the harbor facilities their prime immediate objective.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today the 37th was "assisting the 11th airborne division in clearing south Manila."

Fighting Slows Spearhead
Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Swing's 11th airborne, which swept into the suburbs from a parachute invasion to the southwest, was last reported fighting around Nichols field, on the southern fringe of Manila. Small-scale but stiff resistance slowed this spearhead. There was no indication whether the enemy pocket at the airfield had been eliminated or bypassed.

Japanese artillery fire began to taper off yesterday after two days of continuous shelling of American-held north Manila.

MacArthur announced the destruction of more than 200 Nipponese tanks—more than two-thirds of the striking power of the Japanese

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CHINESE REVEAL MAJOR GAINS IN HEAVY ASSAULTS

Chungking—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced tonight that successful counterattacks in three provinces had severed the Kwangtung-Kiangsi highway east of Kungong, reached the southwest suburbs of the fallen U. S. air base city of Suichuan in Kiangsi, and retaken a rail town in Hunan.

The Kwangtung attack, launched last Saturday, overran Chihing, serving a supply line to a Japanese drive which had swept on into the U. S. 14th air force base at Nam-yung. It had threatened Tayu, a great Wolfram mining center, which the Chinese said still was in the defenders' hands.

To the north in Kiangsi the Chinese opened a counterattack last Monday in the direction of Suichuan, while to the south some 50 miles away, the high command said, fighting still raged in Kanshien, site of another abandoned U. S. air base.

The other attack, in southern Hunan, also opened last Saturday, resulted in the recapture of Ichang, west of the Canton-Hankow railway about 100 miles south of Hengyang. Contact was established the next day with Chinese dislodging the enemy from strongpoints about five miles to the east, the high command said.

Maj. Genkung Chi-Kuang, Chinese army spokesman ridiculed the idea that the Japanese are winning on the Asiatic continent, Kuang said:

"The time really has come for Japan to accept unconditional surrender."

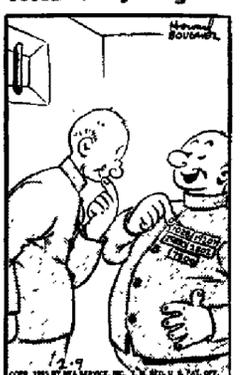
He asked how Japan expected to defend her holdings in China with its far longer coastline if they could not defend Luzon and asserted Americans could land on the China coast at will.

February Car Quota Is Cut One Third

Here is a statistical figure released by the OPA which will make one look with even greater respect upon his car. This month's quota of new passenger cars is 2,600 for the entire country, a thousand fewer than the quota of last month.

There are now only around 12,000 cars left in the national stockpile, the OPA stated, only a one-day pre-war supply. The familiar instructions which haven't been observed too well in the past were seconded by the OPA, drive carefully and only when necessary, get into a car pool if you aren't in one already.

Hold Everything



"They're my service ribbons—San Quentin, Sing Sing, Leavenworth, Atlanta and Alcatraz!"

'Super' Intelligence Service in Making, Chicago Paper Says

Chicago—(AP)—A copyrighted dispatch to the Chicago Tribune today said President Roosevelt had received a proposal to establish a "central intelligence service," charged with coordination of post-war intelligence work and superseding existing federal police agencies.

The paper's Washington bureau, in an article by Walter Trohan, said the "highly confidential and secret" memorandum was given Mr. Roosevelt by Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan, director of the office of strategic services. The office would have no police power.

The Tribune asserted it had "secured exclusively" a copy of the memorandum, and added:

"The Tribune also obtained a copy of an equally secret suggested draft of an order setting up the general intelligence service, which would supersede all existing federal police and intelligence units, including military intelligence, naval intelligence, the federal bureau of investigation,

the secret service, the internal revenue agents, and the federal communications commission which monitors all radio airways. The order gives the unit a wholesale grant of power."

Only 15 Copies Made
Only 15 copies of the two documents were made, the paper declared, "each plastered with secrecy injunctions." These according to the story were sent to officials such as Admiral Leahy, the president's chief of staff, General Marshall, army chief of staff, Admiral King, chief of naval operations, Secretary of State Stettinius, Secretary of Navy Forrestal, and Secretary of War Stimson.

The Tribune quoted the Donovan memorandum as saying:

"Once our enemies are defeated the demand will be equally pressing for information that will aid us in solving the problems of peace. This will require two things: "1. That intelligence control be

Hears Brother Is Prisoner of War

Anxious months of suspense were finally relieved for Mrs. Russell Hultquist, 210 Thirteenth avenue south, when she learned today that her brother, S-Sgt. Elton W. Nelson, 38, previously reported missing in action in Germany, October 18, 1944, is a prisoner in Germany.

Mrs. Hultquist received a card direct from her brother stating that he is well.

Sergeant Nelson has been in service for four years, having been stationed in Manila just prior to his seizure by the Japs, and later serving in the European theater of operations. He was serving with the 99th infantry division when reported missing.

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Cpl. Alvin Jacoby Is Buried in Holland

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacoby, 1351 Irving street, have received the Purple Heart which was awarded posthumously to their son, Cpl. Alvin J. Jacoby.

Corporal Jacoby died in action in Holland, November 22, 1944. His parents have been notified that he has been buried in a cemetery in Holland.

Announcing:

"Shoemaker," a magic word in the world of cartooning, becomes a regular contributor to the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune Monday.

The Tribune has been fortunate in securing exclusive rights to the graphic creations of Vaughn Shoemaker, Pulitzer prize winner and "father" of John Q. Public, the lovable, cigar-smoking, average American. Combining superlative draftsmanship with a brilliance of mind, Shoemaker's keen portrayal of the war scene has carried him to the top of the list.

The Daily Tribune, in line with its incessant quest for the best in news and feature services, is confident that Shoemaker will become an immediate favorite of the reader. Watch for Shoemaker's cartoons beginning Monday on the Daily Tribune editorial page.