

AIR FLEET HITS IN NAPLES AREA

Italian Rail System Quakes Under Constant Raids By Allies.

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to 45 enemy fighters were driven off by escorting Lightnings. The bombers plastered repair shops and the freight yards.

Hit Loaded Train

Flying Fortresses attacking Sulmona, an important railroad point where east-west and north-south lines join near Rome, ran into 24 enemy fighters, four of which were shot down, while heavily plastering the railroad yards. One big explosion was set off in a repair shop and at least three fires kindled.

The Fortresses needed only 12 minutes to make their attack, touching off a string of fire in station buildings fringing the railroad. One loaded train was believed to have been hit.

Wellingtons using four-ton block-busters wound up the series of raids last night with an attack on Salerno, 30 miles north of Naples on the coastal railroad line, and crew members reported a heavy concentration of bombs tore up storage and switch yards.

Medium and light bombers ringed the toe of the Italian boot with attacks, hitting at the communications center of Catanzaro, Sibari, on the east coast and Cetraro and Paola, on the west coast.

A-36 Invader pilots said they believed the rail and highway junction at Sibari probably was destroyed. A landing barge was destroyed near Diamante on the west coast.

PACIFIC STRATEGY TALKS CONCLUDED

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news conference winding up the Quebec meeting, said approval had been given to concerted "forward action" by the armies, navies and air forces of Britain and the United States in both the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Mr. Roosevelt offered his own suggestion that another big allied push had been blueprinted, but said it could be revealed only by the operations of military forces.

They said they had assured Russia that "full reports" of the decisions made affecting the war against Germany and Italy would be communicated, and offered hope of arranging a future "tripartite meeting" between the U. S., Britain and the Soviet Union. Pre-occupation of the conferees with the war on Japan precluded the presence of Josef Stalin at the Quebec meeting since Russia and Japan are at peace.

Mountbatten is understood to have had virtually no advance notice of his selection as allied commander and consequently still has before him the prime task of assembling a staff.

He undoubtedly will select a British officer for his chief of staff, and it was said he already has obtained an important U. S. army officer as his deputy chief of staff.

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controls will continue, what tax policies are to be, worry private planners for fast reconversion and high post-war employment.

Black Market Is Booming

BLACK MARKET is booming—and in big-time stuff, not petty chiseling. It thrives in the corn belt, where growers complain whole economy is out of balance from ceilings on some commodities, lack of them on others.

Latest job is being done on tomatoes—and this racket threatens to deprive armed forces of necessary canned goods, army supply officers say. It's done like this:

Contracted tomatoes are sneaked from the fields to a non-contracted factory at high bootleg prices. There they are turned into tomato juice, catsup, chili sauce and other by-products which can be sold to civilians at a better profit than the army provides for canned tomatoes.

Look for a crackdown on this phase of it, at least.

SUMNER WELLES may turn up as administration candidate against Senator Millard Tydings of Maryland next year, they think on Capitol Hill. Welles has maintained a home in that state for many years, has turned over his Washington residence to Canada to house women in its armed services. Tydings was one of the anti-new deal senators who beat the purge in 1938.

Willkie on 'Front Porch'

SPEAKING OF POLITICS: Wendell L. Willkie has been conducting a "front porch" campaign at Rushville to win hostile Hoosier Republicans to his side for 1944. This week he declined to attend a Republican state committee meeting in Indianapolis, but had some of the G. O. P. state leaders come see him afterward with a pledge of no publicity.

Word leaks out that what he had to say was intended to convince pre-war isolationists that he has no such views on a post-war world as those expressed by Vice President Wallace; that America comes first in all his thinking.

Note: Old diehard Jim Watson, former Republican senator from Indiana, predicts Willkie will get only three delegates from the state. SENATOR TAIT'S reaffirmation of presidential support for his fellow Ohioan, Governor Bricker, was prompted by suspicion in the Bricker camp that the senator's friends have inspired a movement for his own nomination.

Situation is a ticklish one for Tait, who, along with Bricker, will attend G. O. P. post-war conference at Mackinac Island. If Tait takes active hand in shaping policies, as he is expected to do, Bricker backers will be even more suspicious.

RUBBER BOSS JEFFERS, concerned over the outlook for tires, has summoned management and labor officials for a conference here next week to find out how production can be pepped up.

STATE DEPARTMENT "confusion" is blamed in some congressional quarters for delaying showdown on repeal of the Chinese exclusion laws. Congressmen say some state department officials favor repeal, with apparent enthusiasm, but refuse to go to bat publicly. They're said to fear consequences of a big fight. Advocates of repeal say elimination of this slap at the Chinese will be extremely helpful in combating Jap propaganda, will tie us closer to the united nation that's been fighting the fascists longest.

A. F. of L. and American Legion help is being sought by advocates of repeal, who insist it will not be opening door to unregulated entry of cheap labor.

WAR MOBILIZATION Director Byrnes has found inter-agency squabble over gasoline rationing too wary, has quietly backed away from setting it. His "detailed study" has been set aside and he'll make no report. He is telling rate congressmen (present raters please neither easterners nor westerners) that reports he had taken charge were erroneous.

G-MEN WEREN'T as elated over Detroit spy ring arrests as their announcement sounded. Report is that some big fish got away.

CONGRESS FOES of grade labeling prepare amendments which would forbid OPA to require labels based on standards fixed by other agencies. After congress outlawed OPA grade-labeling requirements in price regulations, OPA amended rules by adopting grades established by WFB and OCS. Critics charge subterfuge in this device and in OPA requirements for "descriptive" labels.

CHILDREN'S BUREAU will ask congress for more funds to operate maternity and infant care program for wives and babies of servicemen. Baby crop has exceeded estimates and the original \$4,400,000 appropriation is running low.

MORE BANANAS are on the way. The interdepartmental priorities advisory committee has allocated space enough to bring 60,000 more tons of bananas from Honduras, Guatemala and Costa Rica. But, it warns, other imports from the Caribbean must be cut that much if this tonnage is to go to the banana trade.

Intrepid Frankie Promises He 'Won't Run Away Again'

After riding in a bus all the way from Marion to Indianapolis and

then "seeing a show he didn't like," little Frankie Brown, a chubby-faced, blond-haired 5-year-old boy today promises his mother "I'll never run away again."

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown of Marion, Frankie was found asleep in the Indiana theater here Wednesday near closing time and taken to the Children's Guardian's home.

He was just wandering around Marion and "saw a lot of people getting on a bus and decided to get on with them." The next thing he knew he was in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Brown, who came after her son yesterday, had notified Marion police. Police and the Grant county rescue squad were dragging the Mississippi river at Marion, believing that perhaps the boy had drowned. The river dragging had been in process about 10 hours when the overjoyed mother heard her son was here.

When Frankie arrived in Indianapolis, he walked into the theater, evidently without first buying a ticket. Then he fell asleep. "When I got hungry I ate grass," the venturesome youth said when his mother arrived to take him home.

But Frankie had more than grass to eat for he spent about 36 hours in the guardians' home.

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for more than a mile west of Charlottenburg station as far as the big Westkreuz junction on the main eastward railroad through the city. This railroad also runs through the Zoo and Friedrichstrasse stations.

Gas Works Destroyed

Knocking out this great railroad focal point, even for a short time, would be a most serious blow to Berlin's war industries as well as the general war effort generally because a large part of the east-west traffic from the Ruhr and Rhineland industrial areas toward the Russian front passes through it.

The reports said the two big gas works at Charlottenburg which supplied most of the west end of Berlin also were destroyed.

The Siemensstadt, about five miles northwest of the center of the city, constituted the biggest compact industrial target in Berlin. It consists of a huge layout of buildings covering many acres. Among its industries are the Siemens-schuckert and Siemenshalske electrical engineering works. Destruction of these factories would be a heavy blow to the German war effort.

AXIS SQUEEZED BY AIR PINGERS

Nurnberg in Ruins, Italy's Rail Line Blasted by Armadas.

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caught the Nazi defenses off guard. Nurnberg lies 240 miles south of Berlin and it would be most difficult for the Germans to shift large forces of night fighters at the last moment.

The four-engined Stirlings, Halifaxes and Lancasters swept more than 1100 miles across the English channel, occupied France and into the heart of Germany on their round trip to Nurnberg.

The center of Nurnberg is a walled city of closely-packed stone houses. The wall is surrounded by a moat, around which curves a great circular boulevard. Beyond the industrial area, where Diesel engines for submarines, aircraft parts, tanks and armored cars are built.

The Flying Fortresses' pilots said they had devastated an objective nearing completion in a forest after having been under construction for several months.

Bombers Fill Sky

British Typhoon fighter-bombers joined in the evening offensive with a raid on a power station at Goe-nay, three miles from Behunne in North France, and watchers on the southeast coast said the sky at dusk was literally filled with bombers and fighters returning from Europe, tier on tier.

"For an hour and 20 minutes this grand procession of allied air might continued," one watcher said. "No matter where one looked, there were planes, planes, hundreds of them."

The four-engined Stirlings, Lancasters and Halifaxes streaking toward Europe provided an even more awe-inspiring spectacle a few hours later. The planes were only dark shadows in the starry sky. The ground vibrated with the roar of their engines.

At some points, the miles-long procession of bombers took two hours to pass overhead and the London Daily Express called the force of big bombers the greatest ever sent against Europe, an indication that it may have exceeded the 1036-plane armada that raided Essen in the second of three 1000-plane raids on Germany June 1, 1942.

RAILROADS TOLD TO END SPEEDUP HAULS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (U. P.).—The interstate commerce commission today ordered railroads to cease operating special expedited freight trains which take precedence over regular traffic.

Saying that the ICC took the action at their request, officials of the office of defense transportation explained that some railroads, particularly those serving the west coast, recently have been running freight trains on virtually passenger train schedules, and that operation of these fast freights tends to cause congestion in terminals, slowing down all freight.

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Pvt. Schwert Wounded in Pacific War

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department has notified his wife, Mrs. Marie Schwert of 514 S. Alabama st.

A letter from her husband Aug. 13 said that he had been wounded July 27 and was in a hospital in the South Pacific.

Pvt. Schwert, a former Allison employee, has been in the army



Pvt. Joseph Schwert

two and one-half years and was sent overseas 10 months ago. He is the father of 5-month-old Joseph Schwert Jr., whom he has never seen.

Honored

FOR EXTRAORDINARY achievement in submarine patrol duty off Northwest Africa three Hoosiers have been awarded air medals, according to a war department announcement today. They are 2d Lt. Ernest Salm of East Gary; T. Sgt. Ray C. Gilmore of Wheatland and S. Sgt. Jack Shoemaker of Peru.

SHAMPOO DELAYED ELEANOR'S ARRIVAL

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New Zealand in an American Liberator, carrying only two small suitcases, a typewriter and her handbag. She brought no civilian clothes, only her American Red Cross uniform.

Accompanying her are Maj. George Durno, press relations officer and a former white house correspondent, and Sgt. Houghton, chief photographer for the Pacific air transport.

Mrs. Roosevelt told newsmen that the standard of living throughout the world must be raised so that the world's mighty production can be used for the benefit of all mankind.

HULL TAKES FIRMER GRIP ON DEPARTMENT

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enemy at a critical stage in the war.

"This relates often to international relations existing between us and other countries," Hull told his news conference. "It would be most helpful to this government if they could see fit and see their way clear to check their facts as to their accuracy and possible misleading nature before they put out their publicity."

"They know and we know that too often a misleading statement or a false statement is immediately seized upon by Berlin and Tokyo and widely distributed with the sole view to creating confusion and misunderstanding among the allied nations whose close co-operation is so urgently needed in the prosecution of the war."

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approximately every three and one half passenger cars in the United States. If we dump in the all-synthetic tires, too, we shall have enough tires to allot one tire to a shade more than every two cars. And if we take the entire allotment of 17,000,000 then we could give one tire of some kind to just about every one and one half cars.

"Now the figures we have just given are for the entire year of 1943. Practically two thirds of 1943 has passed. We know that about all of the tires except the grade A tires and the all-synthetic tires have already been given out. And no doubt at least two-thirds of these two classes combined are gone. Since the 1943 allotment is 7,000,000 grade A tires and 5,000,000 all-synthetic tires and we have one third left to give out, then we have 4,000,000 tires to last us during the remainder of this year. That means one tire to about every six and one half cars. Four months remain in this year. So in any one month the number of tires, grade A and synthetics, to be given out will be about one for every 25 cars.

Bear Facts In Mind

"And we must bear some other facts in mind. The synthetics have not been proved as to endurance. And more than 40 per cent of our available supply for the rest of the year is made up of synthetics. We must also keep in mind that the 4,000,000 tires collected from motorists last year and which already have been given out are probably for the most part pretty poor stuff. Motorists who had to give up extra tires did not hand in their best ones.

"And to be entirely on the safe side I think we might as well do a little looking ahead to 1944. We are going pretty much synthetic next year. Mr. Jeffers said the other day that 30,000,000 synthetic tires will be manufactured and distributed next year. Our supply of all kinds of tires except synthetics is becoming rapidly exhausted. And this synthetic world we are moving into is one of mystery. We do not know as yet whether the synthetic tires will hold up even at 30 miles per hour or how long they will last. My very sincere hope is that they will prove most durable. But as yet they are unproved. And it seems to me that in any case of uncertainty great caution should be exercised.

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Toscanini Honor Brings a Protest

By UNITED PRESS

THE GERMAN Transocean News Service said today that the decision of the town council of Parma, Italy, where Arturo Toscanini was born, to name a street after the noted orchestra conductor had brought protests to the newspaper Tribuna in that city. The protests, according to the Transocean transmission recorded by United Press in New York, were based on the facts that Toscanini has repeatedly expressed allied sympathies, that he recently conducted a war-benefit concert in the United States, and that his son is an American citizen.

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