

# RUSS RACING TO RUMANIA LINE

## Nazi Defenses Shattered as Soviets Continue Hammer Blows.

MOSCOW, March 24 (U. P.).—Two Russian armies raced through shattered German defenses for the honor of driving the first wedge to the Rumanian frontier today, forging nearly three-fourths of the way across Bessarabia and down through pre-war Poland to the outer approaches of the upper Dniester.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 2d army held the advantage in the race, reaching within 15 miles of the Prut river border line with the capture of Ryskanovka in Bessarabia.

At the same time a sudden southward surge by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's 1st army against crumbling German resistance sent spearheads closer and closer to Cernauti to the northwest.

### Admit Hard Fighting

(A German communique reported "embittered defensive fighting against superior Soviet forces" between the middle Bug and the Dniester rivers as well as on the 65-mile Tarnopol-Przhusk front where the 1st army of the Ukraine was pressing a new offensive.)

Front reports from the regions where the Russians were approaching Rumania referred to the utter demoralization of shattered German divisions which the Nazi command was trying frantically to stiffen with fresh Rumanian levies said to be displaying a pronounced lack of military ardor.

All signs were that unless Marshal Fritz von Manstein pulls a rabbit out of the hat the Prut line will prove no more formidable a barrier for the Russians than were the Dniester and the Bug.

How Van Manstein proposes to defend Rumania in the light of the apparent debacle was a growing mystery. The German preoccupation with shoring up the Hungarian defenses may be a clue to the mystery, observers believe.

Whereas the Rumanian frontier is protected only by the Prut, the Hungarian approaches are shielded by the towering masses of the Carpathians.

Field accounts quoted Bessarabian peasants as reporting that German troops were struggling through without their rifles and revolvers and other arms.

In contrast, front dispatches reported solid columns of Soviet troops moving up from the Bug across the Dniester. The Dniester crossing was being expanded on a massive scale over existing bridges and new pontoons, and even huge German ferries which were captured intact.

The advance carried the Russians almost to within artillery range of the Prut, virtually denying any chance of a German stand on the east bank.

### ACTRESS CALLED INSANE

SEATTLE, March 24 (U. P.).—Frances Farmer, 30-year-old former screen star, today was under commitment to the Western state hospital on an insanity complaint filed by her mother, Mrs. Lillian V. Farmer.

## Serve in Army



T. Lively J. Williams

PVT. TERRELL O. LIVELY, former Indianapolis resident, is with an engineer unit in England. He is the son of Mrs. Carrie E. Lively of Nashville.

THE REV. JOHN F. WILLIAMS has been given leave of absence from the First Presbyterian church in Greensburg for his commission of first lieutenant in the army chaplain corps. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, 5914 Laurel st., he will report to Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass.

## ARMY BULLDOZERS CLEAR VOLCANIC ASH

POMPEII, March 24 (U. P.).—Vesuvius still spouted smoke and ashes 20,000 feet in the air today but the lava flows subsided sufficiently to permit evacuees to return to some of the previously threatened areas.

Some residents returned to Cercola. Officials still stood ready to evacuate Torre del Greco and Torre Annunziata, both of which were digging out from a two-foot deposit of gravel-like ash.

Army bulldozers cleared main roads in the vicinity of the volcano as cinders became a serious problem, particularly along the main railroad running south from Naples.

Veteran American troops, some of whom as railroaders used to battle heavy snowstorms in the northwest United States, worked 24 hours without a halt to keep the line open.

The villages of Pagani and Nocera, east of Torre Annunziata, suffered heavily from the ash fall.

The ashes weighed down homes and spread across vineyards and orchards, causing damage expected to run into millions of dollars.

## LONERGAN ADMITS HUNT FOR ARSENIC

NEW YORK, March 24 (U. P.).—Wayne Lonergan admitted that he had attempted to buy one gram of arsenic, a lethal dose, for \$100 two weeks before the murder of his wife, Patricia, it was disclosed at his murder trial today.

A few minutes after this was brought out in testimony, defense counsel Edward V. Broderick asked for the withdrawal of a juror and a declaration of a mistrial. His motion was summarily denied by Judge James G. Wallace.

Lonergan's admitted attempt to purchase arsenic was revealed by Detective William James Wall of Toronto police, who took stenographic notes of the defendant's questioning after his arrest in the Canadian city the day after his wife was slain last October.

## 18TH JAP SHIP SUNK IN 4 DAYS

### Yanks Score Heavy Blows On Pacific Bases and Scatter Convoy.

By UNITED PRESS

Allied airmen, aiming to neutralize the Japanese garrison at Wewak, today ran their toll of enemy ships to 18 in four days by smashing another convoy attempting to reinforce the enemy base on the northern New Guinea coast.

The bomber pilots sank two Japanese freighters, seven coastal vessels and 23 barges off Wewak Wednesday, and followed up the raid with a series of assaults along the New Guinea coast from Cape Moem, at Wewak, to Aitape, 90 miles to the northwest.

A total of 300 tons of explosives were dropped, silencing eight heavy gun positions and destroying a number of parked planes. One allied plane was lost in the attacks.

### Rabaul Hit

Solomons-based bombers again hit Rabaul, New Britain, while other forces teamed with naval units to bombard enemy positions on Bougainville in the Solomons.

In the Central Pacific, army and navy Liberators bombed Ponape and Kusaie, the island approaches to Truk, Tuesday, in their 37th assault on the Carolines since Feb. 14.

Other units of the Central Pacific air forces, apparently using the newly discussed shuttle system, raided four enemy-held atolls in the Marshalls, dropping a total of 70 tons of bombs.

The American pilots carried out the operations without loss.

Brig. Gen. T. H. Landon, commanding general of the 7th army air force bomber command, revealed that U. S. planes have been using the shuttle method in attacking Japanese positions in the Marshalls since Feb. 25. The technique enables the planes to carry twice the bombload on the same amount of gasoline.

## NEW CROPS LISTED FOR PRICE CONTROL

WASHINGTON, March 24 (U. P.).—Some 700 items in the nation's market basket have now been placed under dollar-and-cents price ceilings which soon will be extended to cover several more fresh fruits and vegetables, Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced today.

The new crops to be put under community-wide price controls include string beans, green peas, cucumbers, spinach, carrots, onions, potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, apples, bananas, grapes and citrus fruits.

### NORWAY PLANS FILM

HOLLYWOOD, March 24 (U. P.).—Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstjerne, ambassador from Norway, has invited Screen Star Greta Garbo and Producer Lester Cowan to Washington to discuss plans for a motion picture glorifying the Norwegian merchant marine. Cowan's studio said today.

## Allies Use Tanks, Big Guns in New Drive at Cassino

### Invaders Ready to Drop From Jungle Heights Into Valley.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 24 (U. P.).—Fierce and indecisive fighting still raged in Cassino and the surrounding hills today as allied tanks and field guns moved into support the attacking 5th army infantrymen in an effort to break the weeks-old stalemate.

Headquarters spokesmen indicated that New Zealand infantrymen were making little, if any, progress in their drive to clear the Germans from a group of ruined buildings in the southwestern edge of the town.

Allied tanks moved into point-blank range of the Nazi positions and opened up with their big 75-millimeter cannon.

American 240-millimeter field guns, the biggest cannon in the allied arsenal, hurled tons of high explosives into the German emplacements along the base of Mount Cassino and around the ancient Roman amphitheater just south and west of the town.

## SECRET OF PYLE'S SUCCESS ANALYZED

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—Lt. Col. Martin Sommers, in an article about war correspondents in the current Saturday Evening Post, says:

"Ernie Pyle . . . in his slight frame, sage head and big heart, wraps up the best qualities of them all."

"It's a safe bet that if an election were held to choose American war correspondent No. 1, Ernie Pyle would win in a landslide—particularly if G. I.'s as well as readers on the home front were enfranchised for the event."

"Thousands of profound words have been written by way of interpreting the phenomenal success of war correspondent Pyle. The answer can be put in a very few words. On the battlefield, he got the G. I. under his skin and became himself a G. I. Hunched over his typewriter and writing away, he transformed himself into one of the folks at home possessed of a million live questions about G. I.'s—their hopes and fears, chills and thrills, gripes and glories."

"So Pyle became owner of a dual personality for the purpose of working at his trade; he had only to cover Pyle to cover the war both accurately and dramatically."

## COMPLETE RECOVERY OF GEORGE ADE SEEN

BROOK, Ind., March 24 (U. P.).—George Ade, 78-year-old Hoosier novelist and playwright, was reported improving today after a serious illness at the home of R. E. Hirschman, where he has been confined for several months.

The novelist's nurse, Mrs. Frances Schindler, said that he still was confined to his bed but that his physician expected his complete recovery.

### ST. LOUIS FEARS NO BOMBS

ST. LOUIS, March 24 (U. P.).—Civilian defense authorities decided today there was no further danger of St. Louis being bombed by enemy aircraft. They ordered 600 air raid shelter direction signs removed.

## JAPS 30 MILES FROM IMPHAL

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communicate announced that the British and Indian forces had driven the invaders from three positions covering this highway.

North of the Tiddim road fighting, British forces have closed in on one of the main Japanese positions, repulsing an enemy counter-attack with "considerable losses," the communique said.

The headquarters spokesman said the Japanese also had moved into the hills north of the border town of Tamu but had been prevented thus far from taking up positions on the road from Tamu to Palel, 22 miles south of Imphal, which links the Manipur capital with the Kachin valley in Burma.

Small parties of Japanese are approaching this road, but one of these detachments was dispersed Tuesday morning and another made an unsuccessful attack on a British unit on the highway, the communique reported.

### Patrols Near Imphal

(A BBC broadcast recorded by CBS quoted an Assam province government announcement that enemy air attacks had been made on Manipur and the Kachin district to the west of Manipur but said only a few bombs were dropped and casualties were slight.)

British and Indian forces have killed 600 to 700 Japanese in the recent fighting in the Chin hills and the Kachin valley while their own losses have been "infinitely lighter," the spokesman said.

He gave little information regarding a Japanese column marching through the rugged mountains from Tamu toward the Imphal-Manipur road but said the enemy may have patrols within 30 miles of the highway north of Imphal.

British forces appear stronger than the Japanese on the ground and the allies have definite air superiority, both for attack and supply, the spokesman said.

## RICHARDSON QUILTS STATE WELFARE JOB

Henry J. Richardson, Indianapolis attorney, today resigned as a member of the state welfare board because of press of business.

In his letter of resignation, sent to Governor Schricker, Mr. Richardson said that "it is expedient and wise that I give up my duties as a member of the welfare board because of pressing professional responsibilities and increasing activities out of state."

Mr. Richardson, a Democrat, has been a member of the board for the past four years. The governor is expected to announce appointment of a successor shortly.

## SPEAKERS' CLUB TO MEET

The Indianapolis Speakers' club will hold its bi-monthly meeting at 7:30 p. m. today at the Washington hotel.

## Goal of 'United Mothers' Is to Split Home Front, Says Girl Writer Who Joined Group

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can boys do the dying while she stands by to claim world empire for herself.

Jews and Negroes were assailed in unprintable language. The organization used the story of a Jewish-Communist plot to conquer the world, which corresponds with the Hitler-Goebbels propaganda line.

BLACK MARKET connections were boasted of by officers and board members of the club.

### Gave Own Name

I joined the Mothers last October. Entering I gave my own name, and said I came to them because my fiancé had just been lost in Sicily.

They welcomed me. Miss Marina Cavoli, secretary, thought it was natural that I should want to join. She told me that the United Mothers often send literature to the parents of dead service men.

When a meeting starts Mrs. Stanley, the president, begins to whip the group of 50 to 70 into a frenzy of emotional hatred against our government, the British and Russians, Jews, Negroes and "foreigners."

If she is in good form they soon are moving restlessly in their seats, and calling out responses like people at an old-fashioned revival meeting.

### Chorus Angry 'No'

Mrs. Stanley will mention John Roy Carlson (author of "Under Cover"). Women in the audience will then shout out abusively about his racial origins. Or she will talk about Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner's lecture on "Under Cover."

"These rabbis!" she hisses, and her face grows red. A fist comes down on the speaker's desk. "Are we going to let them run things in this town?" The listeners chorus an angry "no!"

Speeches, leaflets, even personal conversations, are invariably devoted to bitter attacks on England, Russia and the United Nations in general. Important men or groups in our war effort were assailed constantly.

### Propaganda Mail Room

Not once in the five months that I attended meetings were

members urged to buy a war bond or give the Red Cross a pint of blood, or in any other way aid the war effort.

When I had attended meetings faithfully for a while, Mrs. Stanley invited me to the offices to help sort the huge sacks of literature piled on floors and tables. Among this "literature" I found:

MESSAGES TO THE MASSES, by Elmer J. Garner, Wichita, Kas. At least one of Garner's publications was banned from the mails for anti-Semitism. Garner is now under indictment, charged with "a conspiracy to aid in the establishment of a National Socialist form of government in the United States."

ROOSEVELT'S JEWISH ANCESTRY, Hitler's old propaganda myth revised by Robert Edmondson, also under indictment for conspiracy.

"THE CROSS AND THE FLAG," magazine of America Firster Gerald L. K. Smith. It has been mentioned by the FBI in connection with conspiracy indictments.

"FACT-O-GRAM," organ of the Constitutional Education League of Joseph Kamp, also named by the FBI as a transmission belt for propaganda of the Nazi conspiracy.

### Claims Only 500

The United Mothers claim only a mailing list of 500 names, but the members are supposed to make every piece of propaganda count by passing it around to friends and neighbors.

Most of the members are middle-aged women of the lower income brackets. Many of them enter the movement with certain racial prejudices already deeply ingrained. Others appear to be duped by the pseudo-patriotic declarations of the veteran leaders. Many have sons who have been drafted.

It is easy for their leaders to excite them with hatred for "international bankers." "British imperialism which is trying to take us over," and to convince them that unionists are Reds.

This is the rank and file. The leadership is another matter. Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Phillip Monreal, vice president, and others of the closely-knit group which directs the United Mothers are

well-versed in political tactics. Three times while I was in the organization, Mrs. Stanley or Mrs. Monreal went to Washington to confer with isolationist congressmen and "others." The "others" were not identified.

Although Mrs. Stanley professes complete independence of other groups, she mentions "mother groups" in Pittsburgh, Detroit and Steubenville, O. She sent \$70 to Father Coughlin "for his birthday."

## SIX FILE HERE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Five Republicans and one Democrat today filed for state representative from Marion county.

The Republicans are Clara O. Oxley, 618 Congress ave.; Charles M. Clark, 4803 Allisonville rd.; Roger G. Wolcott, R. R. 17, Box 236; Lawrence A. Shaw, 5453 N. Capitol ave., and Charles D. Rogers, 2468 Broadway.

The Democratic candidate is Charles L. Lyons, 1808 Orleans st. State Senator Robert Lee Brockenburr, 2066 Highland pl., filed for re-nomination on the Republican ticket and Lloyd D. Claycomb, 4301 Park ave., filed for Republican nomination of circuit court judge here.

Among others filing were Joseph C. Major, Monticello, for the second district Democratic congressional nomination, and Congressman George W. Gillie, Ft. Wayne Republican, for re-nomination in the fourth district.

## G. O. P. WILL SELECT KEYNOTER IN APRIL

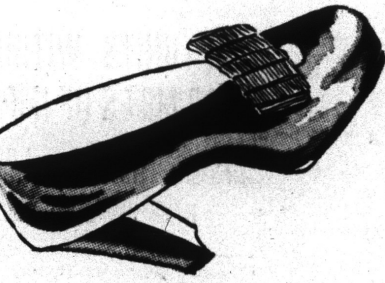
WASHINGTON, March 24 (U. P.).—The committee on arrangements for the Republican national convention will meet in Chicago April 18-19 to select the keynote speaker, permanent chairman and other convention officials. G. O. P. National Chairman Harrison E. Spangler announced today. The committee will meet at the Stevens hotel.

Indiana Old Age Pension program group 2 will meet to elect officers at 8 p. m. Monday at the I. O. O. F. hall, Hamilton ave. and E. Washington st.



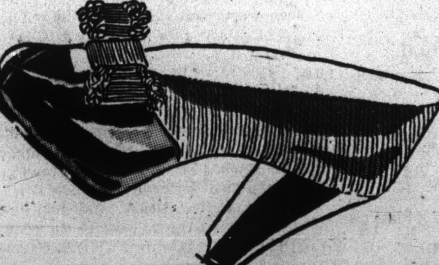
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