

Rumanian Front Crumbles Before Russian Onslaught

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across the water barrier, until the border front stretched from the area of Starofinet southwest of Cernauti to Iasi, the one-time headquarters of Marshal Fritz von Mannstein. The newspaper Pravda published a dispatch headed "Cross the Frontier" from B. Polevoi, Soviet war correspondent, which gave a dramatic account of the Russian army surge onto enemy soil.

"It is with peculiar excitement that we stand on the outskirts of a flinty, steep hill overlooking the Prut," Polevoi wrote. "It isn't a usual front line. It is the state frontier, the boundary of Soviet land. Beyond it is Rumania."

"A bridge has not yet been built. While we wait for a ferry and sappers are working on the crossing, the inhabitants of the village tell us what happened when advanced units broke through to the river, throwing German and Rumanian units into the water in the first crossing of a Soviet state frontier."

"Hurriedly-formed companies and battalions led the troops to the heights protecting the river approaches. The German and Rumanian troops were routed and rolled back to the crossing. There was such panic in the ranks that neither Tommy guns nor revolvers could halt it.

"Panic-stricken troops overloaded ferries which rolled over and sank. They abandoned their tanks and guns.

"Soviet sappers captured boats and rafts and forced the river. Some troops swam over, pushing their rifles, Tommy guns and ammunition on planks, boards and barrels.

"In the first hours small but growing bridgeheads were established across the Prut. By night sufficient forces were across to resume the advance into the depth of Rumania."

Russians Move Rapidly
Another front dispatch said that after forcing the Prut simultaneously at many points, the Russians gave the Germans and Rumanians no chance to recover.

"The offensive is developing with ever-growing speed," it said. "Rumanian villages hidden among the orchards look much like Moldavian villages, but the stamp of poverty lies everywhere. The inhabitants already are accustomed to us. They are streaming home from forests and ravines where they had hidden to look with amazement at our infantry, guns, trucks and tanks.

"The organization and discipline of our troops had a tremendous effect on them, and they are genuinely sorry for those fools who, falling for the Fascist lies, abandoned their farms, drove off their cattle and fled to the rear."

Disclosure that the Germans had been pushed back beyond one of the frontiers from which they invaded Russia in June, 1941, came one week after Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 2d Ukrainian army reached the Prut.

U. S. INCREASES PACIFIC TEMPO

100,000 Japs Isolated as Major Bases Suffer New Blows.

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week with a concentrated two-day attack Thursday and Friday. Rabaul, once one of the biggest enemy bases in the Southwest Pacific, is nearly in the center of the huge area where the U. S. war department estimated that 100,000 Japanese were trapped and faced either starvation or death from disease.

Ground forces also were active throughout the Pacific area. In New Guinea, Australian forces met their first resistance in several weeks when the Japanese counter-attacked in the Minitim valley near the north coast base of Bogadim. American troops in strong force were reported to have reached the Kabenau river, seven miles south-east of Bogadim.

On the Asia continent, Tokyo radio claimed that Japanese troops occupied a part of the Imphal-Kohima highway, 25 miles north of Imphal, and predicted that the fall of Imphal, British Indian border base, "is now a not distant possibility."

Land Troops Advance
The U. S. navy department revealed that 13 men were killed and 46 wounded Feb. 22 when a U. S. destroyer opened fire on three American landing boats storming Parry island in Eniwetok atoll. A report by a special board of inquiry said both the destroyer and the landing craft were "slightly out of scheduled positions" because of difficult navigation conditions, and smoke and dust restricting visibility.

PLAN TO LOWER TOP AGE OF DRAFT DENIED

WASHINGTON, April 3 (U. P.).—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director, today denied knowledge of a reported army plan to lower the draft age from 38 to 31 in order to spare more older men for industry while stepping up the call for young registrants.

Hershey said he doubted if such a plan would meet the manpower needs of the armed services. He estimated that not more than 250,000 of the 1,187,000 men under 26 now deferred on farms or in war plants would be inducted after considering continued deferments for key men and a rejection rate of around 40 per cent. It was considered unlikely that the remaining 778,000 of the 1,008,000 men wanted by the armed forces by July 1 could be found in the 26-31 age group.

The policies to guide continued deferments of men under 26 have been under study by a federal inter-agency committee headed by Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt and a decision is expected soon, possibly today.

Ex-Senator Norris Uneasy Over Diplomacy of U. S.

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and munitions factories; but he warns that the peace settlement this time must not be one of vengeance carried on to innocent generations, else there will be another holocaust.

It is inspiring and warming to talk to the ex-senator, and particularly so here against his background, for it gives you a better understanding of the man and the people among whom he lives in mid-America—drab, yes; living in towns so small alike, yes; but still groping for a star.

There is the brick railroad station, where the streamliners whiz by going east and west, and the main people mill about and now so many soldiers, sturdy young men with girls clinging to their arms or standing about in admiring, giggling circles. Always associated with this country is the whistle of the streamliner which walls through the night, crying across the plains, lonely as the voice of a pioneer.

Away from the station, up the Hill, leads Main street, just as in all of these towns here, past the stores, predominantly chain names now, past the once crowded and so short of help that you have to stand in line to eat. But nobody complains as they wait, while the girls rush about with

steaming dishes balanced precariously on healthily young arms, fresh and milky-white.

You pass the hotel where the manager, himself, is down every morning soon after daybreak, sweeping the lobby and tidying up.

On out Main street is the residential section of simple one and two story houses, most of wood construction, a few of brick or stucco.

Wife Does Cooking
Seven blocks from the station sits the two-story stucco house where the senator lives with his wife who, at seventy, has to do the cooking and most of the housework because of the lack of domestic help. The senator has lived for 60-years in this house.

He meets you at the door and welcomes you, glad to have a visitor. He leads you to the sun porch off the first floor where he spends most of his time. Here he works on his autobiography which is now nearly completed and will be published in the fall. Newspapers are about, and books.

He talks about Washington and congress and the world and the plain people, relighting from time to time the stub of a cigar.

And the lonely whistle of the streamliner breaks every so often into the room. You can't get away from it.

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Nazi Battleship Tirpitz Bombed While in Harbor

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The new blow at the von Tirpitz was struck at a time when Hitler's lieutenants were fortifying the western coast of Europe from North cape to the Bay of Biscay in anticipation of an allied invasion.

Latest reports from Sweden said the Germans were carrying out extensive repairs on the von Tirpitz. It had wallowed helplessly in the Alton fjord, 110 miles northeast of Tromsø and 105 southwest of North cape, since the submarines sent torpedoes into its hull last Sept. 22.

A number of small ships and floating repair equipment were reported clustered around the von Tirpitz in the long, narrow channel where the submarines caught the German defenses off guard.

Completed in the spring of 1939 at the peak of Nazi naval aspirations, the von Tirpitz was listed officially as 35,000 tons. But all evidence tended to the conclusion that it was even larger. Rated at 39 knots, the big battleship mounted eight 15-inch guns, twelve 5.9 inchers, and 16 of 4.1 inches.

About 1500 sailors manned the von Tirpitz, sister ship of the Bismarck, which was sunk by joint air and naval attacks west of France on May 27, 1941, after it had destroyed the British battle cruiser Hood off Greenland on May 24.

In their first announced action of the war, British midget submarines stole boldly into the Alton fjord last fall and hit the von Tirpitz so hard naval sources subsequently reported that she was "so thoroughly crippled that she was no longer a fighting ship."

An unrevealed number of the tiny undersea craft drove home one of the most daring assignments in naval history. The commanders of two of them were awarded the Victoria Cross.

The submarines penetrated a

GOP 'V' GROUP IN HOT DENIAL

Each County Faction Says It 'Already Has Won Party Control.'

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night after three weeks of conferences among party leaders. Judge Stark was defeated in the congressional nomination race four years ago by organization-sponsored James A. Collins.

The field of candidates for G. O. P. congressional nomination was raised to nine Saturday night by the last-minute candidacy of Edmund John Rucker and John E. King.

Others who filed previously were Ward B. Hiler, Edward E. Lewis, J. C. Cartwright, Capt. Ralph Updike of the marine corps and John E. King of special representative of the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. Rep. Louis Ludlow, incumbent, was unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

The Democrats developed a lively last-minute factional scrap, too. Anti-organization forces led by James F. Cunningham, Center township trustee, filed almost a complete slate of candidates during the closing hours against County Chairman Russell Dean's organization slate.

Democrats Have Contests
Anti-organization Democrats will support Joseph Howard for the prosecutor nomination against Wilfred Bradshaw, former juvenile court judge, who is the leading organization candidate on the county slate.

The regular organization faced contests also in the sheriff, surveyor and county commissioner races. They filed Lewis L. Johnson for sheriff, Earl L. Johnson for surveyor and Mrs. Josephine Wade for county commissioner, second district.

Against these the anti-organization leaders filed Daniel J. O'Neill for sheriff, John C. Ryan for surveyor and Amos F. Stevens for commissioner second district.

Two Are Unopposed
The biggest scramble for seats in the legislature in many years developed during the last days of filings with the number reaching 104 for Marion county's 11 seats in the house of representatives.

Of these, 72 Republicans sought the 11 party nominations and 32 Democrats were out for their 11 nominations.

In the races for county offices, the city hall victory committee didn't appear to have put up much opposition to the regular G. O. P. organization slate.

Frank P. Huse, for treasurer and Dr. R. B. Storms for coronator, both regular organization candidates, are unopposed.

Judge's Term Unexpired
In his announcement for congress, Judge Stark, who still has three more years as superior court judge, said he decided to run for the nomination because he felt it his duty as a citizen to contribute whatever he could to national affairs.

Judge Stark formerly was Marion county prosecutor and chief deputy prosecutor during the administration of William Remy.

After graduating from law school, Judge Stark began practicing law in 1922 and organized the first legal aid bureau in the state under the Family Welfare society. He taught classes in Americanization and for several years was a member of Benjamin Harrison Law school and served in the navy during the last war.

Judge and Mrs. Stark live at 5306 Kenwood ave., and have a daughter and a son, the latter an ensign in the navy.

Issues Statement
Regarding his candidacy, Judge Stark said:

"To represent the 11th district in congress at this time is a challenge and presents an opportunity justifying any sacrifice an individual could make.

"We must all remember that there are battles to be fought at home as well as abroad. If we lose the battles on the home front and in Washington, the victories gained at heavy sacrifices in foreign lands will be empty.

"Like most families, whose young men and women have left home and security to fight our battles, I have a son in the service of the United States navy. None of us want these

sons, daughters and husbands to return from a victorious war to a country loaded with unnecessary debt, broken by executive experimentation and crippled by bureaucratic control to an absolute minimum.

"I could stay in Indianapolis as judge of superior court room one at the same salary and enjoy more security and peace than I would find in the turmoil of an over-crowded Washington, but I believe the importance of the work to be done in the congress comes ahead of security and personal comfort. If I am chosen as your representative, I would consider it not only a duty and a challenge, but a privilege and an honor to represent the people of this district at Washington."

COUNTY CANDIDATES
Candidates who filed for Marion county offices are:

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
Republican—Harry O. Chamberlain, Lloyd D. Claycomb, Frank Nellis and George A. Hoffmann.
Democrat—Earl R. Cox and Joseph O. Hoffmann.

PROSECUTOR
Republican—Sherwood Blue and John L. Niblack.
Democrat—Wilfred Bradshaw and Joseph Howard.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Second District
Republican—William Boston Jr., 3725 N. Illinois st.; Samuel C. Walker, 1604 E. LeGrande ave.
Democrat—Amos F. Stevens, 1565 Florence st.; Chester Schenck, 1334 Commerce ave.; John H. Talge, 2040 N. Delaware st.; Josephine Wade, 661 E. 21st st.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Third District
Republican—Ray D. Mendenhall, R. R. 1, Ellettsville; James H. White, 405 S. Warren ave.
Democrat—Clyde T. Fulton, 1619 Auburn st.

COUNTY TREASURER
Republican—Frank P. Huse, 2928 Princeton pl.
Democrat—Henry Mueller, 610 E. Morris st.; John P. Conner Jr., 3143 N. Alabama st.; Claude M. Pilsbeger, 2121 Eastwood ave.; C. Lee Phillips, 622 E. Frost lane.

SHERIFF
Republican—Harmon A. Campbell, 1197 36th st.; Linton Curtis, 1197 36th st.; Daniel J. O'Neill Jr., 101 W. Arizona st.; William J. Brown, 1028 S. Alabama st.; John L. Smyrula, 3019 Grandland ave.; Paul W. Tindler, 4180 Central ave.; Ralph A. Estes, 1623 S. Meridian st.; Harold T. Jennings, 207 E. Washington st., No. 7.

COUNTY CORONER
Republican—Dr. Roy E. Storms, 28 E. 16th st.
Democrat—Charles H. Leach, 1738 W. Washington st.; Dr. John W. Webb, 958 Campbell ave.

COUNTY SURVEYOR
Republican—Paul R. Brown, 2397 Brookside place, south dr.; George C. Schmidt, R. 16, Box 192-B.
Democrat—Earl L. Johnson, 5415 Julian ave.; John C. Ryan, R. 16, Box 311-R.

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Series... 6:25 | Sunset... 7:11

TEMPERATURE
—April 3, 1944—
7 a. m. — 24 | 2 p. m. — 42

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a. m. — .00
Total precipitation since Jan. 1 — 7.50
Deficiency since Jan. 1 — 2.54

The following table shows the temperatures yesterday:

	High	Low
Atlanta	75	40
Boston	54	32
Chicago	45	28
Cincinnati	45	28
Cleveland	34	27
Denver	52	32
Evansville	48	28
Fl. Wayne	43	26
Indianapolis (city)	48	28
Kansas City, Mo.	48	28
Miami, Fla.	78	70
Minneapolis-St. Paul	32	22
New Orleans	75	48
New York	60	32
Oklahoma City	54	36
Omaha, Neb.	45	22
Pittsburgh	45	22
San Antonio, Tex.	80	44
St. Louis	47	34
Washington, D. C.	68	34

EVENTS TODAY

Red Cross annual fund campaign.
Easter service.
Holy week services, noon, English theater.
Indianapolis Speakers club, Washington hotel, 8:45 p. m.
Sunshine guild, Columbia club, noon.
Yonaseul's free garden school, 120 E. Washington st.
St. Vincent's Hospital, nurses' home, 10 a. m.
Indianapolis Council, Knights of Columbus, clubhouse, night.
Women auxiliary to the Athenaeum, 7:30 p. m.
Women's Department club, John Herron Art museum, 1:30 p. m.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Red Cross annual fund campaign.
Easter service.
Holy week services, noon, English theater.
Sun operators, Hotel Lincoln.
Yonaseul's free garden school, 120 E. Washington st.
Indianapolis Council of Women, Ayres auditorium.
Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants, Hotel Lincoln.
Alpha Delta Omega society, Washington hotel, 7 p. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

These lists are from official records in the county court house. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in name and address.

Michael Lietz, — U. S. army, Butler university, Alpha Tabbie Embury, 29 of 331 N. Delaware.
Marvin Cecil Micks, 16 U. S. navy, Great Lakes, Ill.; — Mrs. Frances Jacobs, 15 of 315 S. Keystone.
Morris P. Pien, 25 U. S. army, Ft. Harrison; — Marjorie Shirley Robinson, 25 of 3728 N. Meridian.
William Francis Beula, 24 U. S. army, Butler university; — Lillian M. Zimmer, 15 of 1227 Blanchard, Downers Grove, Ill.
Warren Alfred Seaborg, 23 U. S. army, Morgantown, W. Va.; — Betty Jane Ward, 23 of 337 Layman.
Orval T. Duval, 16 of 3036 Broadway; — Lucile Bradburn, 46 of 63 Bough.

IN INDIANAPOLIS—EVENTS—VITALS

EVENTS TODAY
Joseph Harold Sheets, 25, of 28 N. Jefferson; — Anna Takacs, 25, of 254 N. Tremont.
John Henry Reese, 20, Bridgeport, Ind.; — Zadora Irene Young, 22, Bridgeport, Ind.
David Earl Baker, 21, of 33 S. Hawthorne lane; — Marjorie Christian Sigmund, 22, of 180 Millburn.
Eugene Arthur Jones, 17, of 2818 N. Talbot; — Margaret Joyce Price, 16, Spinak Arms Hotel.
Earl Louis Wendler, 22, of 927 N. East; — Mildred Ruth Reed, 18, Clermont, Ind.
John Frederick Bohlin, 25, of 3017 N. Talbot; — Marjorie M. Amos, 19, of 3017 N. Talbot.
Charles Reed Knight, 21, U. S. army, Butler university; — Elizabeth Mary Getty, 16, of 1701 N. Calhoun, at Methodist.
William Robert Jennings, 23, of 1742 Arrow; — Rose Mary Young, 22, R. R. 1, Clay City, Ind.
Garth Franklin Guthridge, 25, Clayton, Ind.; — Anna Mae Keeler, 25, of 40 N. West.

HONOR NEW MEMBERS
A reception for new members will be held at the meeting at 7:45 p. m. tomorrow of the North Park chapter, O. E. S. in the Masonic temple. Georgia Billster is worthy matron and Charles Eaton is worthy patron.

BRITISH VETERAN FINED
LONDON, April 3 (U. P.).—An 18-year-old invalided British soldier was fined three pounds (\$12.50) in a London court today for driving his wheel chair in the blackout without a light.

BIRTHS
Twins (Boy and Girl)
Robert, Ella Wilson, at Methodist.
Thomas, Betty Lawson, at St. Francis.
Emmanuel, Lillian Raton, at City.
Edna, Pauline Johnson, at City.
Rosell, Katherine Moore, at City.
Clay, Clara, at City.
James, Nannie Turner, at City.
Miles, Mary Busby, at St. Vincent's.
Cecil, Laura, Canada, at St. Vincent's.
Bernard, Phyllis Cassio, at St. Vincent's.
Thomas, Ann Strivick, at St. Vincent's.
Vernon, Marian Victor, at St. Vincent's.
Virgil, Frances Dampier, at Coleman.
Wayne, Betty Harrison, at Coleman.

DEATHS
Cora Frances Love, 50, at Long, pneumonia.
Leslie L. Smith, 65, at City, cardiac decompensation.
Anna Heiser, 79, at 2946 Kenwood, chronic myocarditis.
Elizabeth L. Williamson, 84, at 3901 E. Washington, acute myocarditis.
Marie Klemm, 77, at 734 W. 31st, cerebral hemorrhage.
Ida M. Avery, 77, at 3208 College, cerebral apoplexy.
James F. Stout, 51, at 53 W. 32d, coronary occlusion.
Mabel Anna Eiter, 53, at 2947 Kenwood, carcinoma.
Edith Shadley, 56, at Long, septicaemia.
Parthena Scott, 74, at 1073 River, chronic myocarditis.
Nona Townsend Frather, 54, at 2114 Miller, carcinoma.
John F. Farmer, 58, at 163 N. Beville, coronary occlusion.
Joseph Krapp, 73, at 123 N. Warren, chronic myocarditis.
William H. Wagner, 68, at City, carcinoma.
George Anderson, 57, at Methodist, empyema.
Ebel Mae Fisher, 38, at Long, pneumonia.
William B. Briscoe, 58, at 801 Bright, chronic myocarditis.