

REPORT YANKS TAKE BORDEAUX

Say U. S. Forces Approaching Troyes; Seine River Port Is Taken.
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40 miles beyond their advanced spearheads.

One column captured Conches and lunged on 23½ miles to the northeast to capture Elbeuf, where

LONDON, Aug. 24 (U. P.)—The Algiers radio said today that Hendaye, St. Jean De Luz and other towns along the Franco-Spanish frontier on the Bay of Biscay are now in the hands of French patriot forces.

Thousands of Germans and huge masses of enemy equipment had been reported jammed along the Seine river bank, trying to cross in small boats and improvised rafts. Le Neuborg, 13 miles north of Conches, also was taken.

The whirlwind drive to Elbeuf narrowed to a bare 25 miles or less the last corridor of escape for some 83,000 beaten Germans fleeing westward before the 1st Canadian and 2d British armies and units of Bedges' American 1st army.

Hints at New Move

Rouen, the only main railway center on the Seine still open to the enemy, lay 8½ miles ahead of the Yanks at Elbeuf, and front dispatches indicated the Americans were closing rapidly on that historic city where Jeanne D'Arc died at the stake.

A spokesman at British 2d army headquarters hinted strongly that an allied move of major import was imminent and stated that strict secrecy will be imposed on military movements for the next two or three days.

Canadian troops, supported by British, Dutch and Belgian units, battled into Honfleur at the mouth of the Seine directly opposite Le Havre, while British forces on their right flank inched forward through a German screen of anti-tank weapons and artillery in the Liseux area.



Patients Comforted by Volunteer Nurses

RUSS CRASH ON FOR BUCHAREST

Soviets 170 Mi. From City With Enemy in Retreat Everywhere.
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control, although the enemy everywhere was in retreat.

(A German broadcast said "heavy fighting" also was under way at Roman, on the Cernauti-Ploesti railway 35 miles southwest of liberated Iasi.)

Terrific Momentum

Romanian prisoners told the Soviets before the announcement of the armistice that the Germans had fired on their units, killing a large number of officers and men, in a vain attempt to halt the retreat. In some sectors, prisoners said, there had been "armed clashes between retreating Romanian units and blocking German detachments."

Nothing official was announced in Moscow regarding Romania's capitulation. The only news bearing on the subject printed in today's newspapers was a seven-line Tass dispatch from London quoting the Bucharest radio to the effect that Gen. Constantine Sanatescu had formed a new government. The dispatch was printed obscurely on the fourth page.

The army organ Red Star asserted that Soviet columns sweeping south from Iasi and the Dnepr were encircling and destroying group after group of German and Romanian troops. Enormous quantities of arms and other equipment were captured intact.

Drives Gain Momentum

Soviet military observers said the five-day-old Romanian offensive by the 2d and 3d Ukrainian armies already had attained such momentum the enemy had lost all hope of stemming the onslaught short of the Galati gap, if there. Gen. Fedor I. Tolbukhin's 3d army set the pace for the offensive yesterday with a push across Bessarabia to Sado, 60 miles northeast of the Galati gap, gateway to Bucharest and Ploesti, and 170 miles from the Romanian capital.

The 3d army, extending its front to the Black sea, also captured Cetatea-Alba (Akkerman), at the mouth of the Dnepr, 24 miles southeast of Odessa, and Sarata, 34 miles southwest of Cetatea-Alba and only 40 miles above the Danube river estuary.

Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2d Ukrainian army, striking southward across the Moldavian plains, also scored a decisive breakthrough, capturing Vasili, 37 miles south of Iasi and 85 miles north of Galati, in a 22-mile advance.

All Types Are Needed

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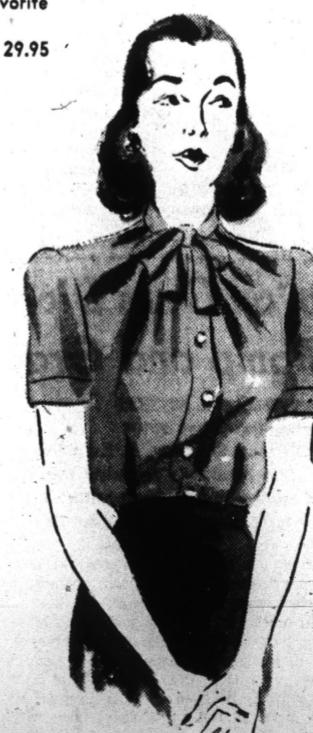
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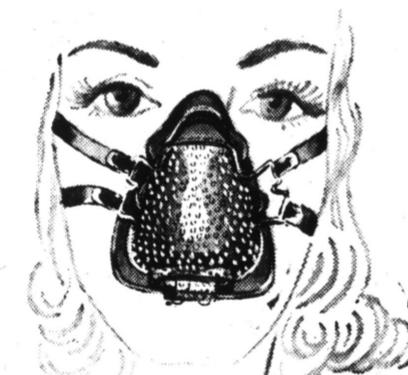
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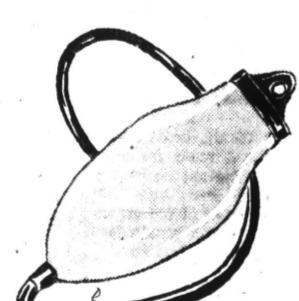
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