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War Again Reaches A Showdown Stage—And Anything May Happen

By WILLIAM H. STONEMAN
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LONDON, March 21.—With the capture of the Saar by the 3d and 7th American armies and the clearing of the Oder line by the Russians, the war obviously has reached another critical stage.

Anything—including the collapse of German arms—may happen.

The Germans were claiming today that something already had begun to happen with hard blows by the

American 1st army northward out of the Remagen bridgehead.

Perhaps anticipating the event, the Germans also claim that the Russians have begun their assault toward Berlin.

What is evident to everybody, German and otherwise, is that another great showdown is likely to come at any time. This time the German army will do well to escape with enough force to continue its organized resistance.

The situation, from the German viewpoint, is so

desperate that continued resistance is ridiculous. It is so favorable from our viewpoint that rapid victory seems inescapable.

While the 3d and 7th armies have been busy on what must be regarded as a brilliant and fruitful but not decisive diversion in the Saar, other armies and units, which are known to be on the line, are waiting to be heard from.

The Germans are chattering busily about the 1st Canadian and the 2d British armies, the American 9th, the American 1st and the American 15th.

These armies except for the forces engaged in the

Remagen operation have all been rested and brought up to strength and obviously preparing for a long-expected attack across the Rhine.

The mightiest collection of air forces in history is ready to back up any assault with a vast collection of heavy and medium bombers, fighter bombers and fighters capable of flying something like 5000 sorties on any given day.

The weather is excellent, due retribution for the Germans' fine blitz weather in 1940.

The Russians have been busy around Stettin and

in East Prussia, but several armies farther south are ready for a fresh drive.

If we had not had so many disappointments in the past, it would be logical to say that nothing could prevent this array of might from finishing off the German army in Germany and forcing a quick collapse.

Because the Germans have displayed such surprising ability to take it and because of the obvious determination of the Nazis to maintain resistance until the end, nobody today would be willing to make any definite forecasts.

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Two Children Burn to Death Here



Sandra May Smallwood



Cecil Edward Smallwood

CURFEW KEEPS N. Y. IN DITHER

'I'm Running City but Not Army,' Says La Guardia.

NEW YORK, March 21 (U.P.).—Mayor F. H. La Guardia, stuck by his guns today in defense of a 1 a. m. curfew and he said that regardless of the wishes of President Roosevelt and the army, "I'm running the city."

Asked for comment on President Roosevelt's statement yesterday favoring a midnight curfew on entertainment, La Guardia said: "He's running the country. I'm just running the city."

Asked for comment on the war department order that all soldiers evacuate saloons and other night spots by midnight—an order that went into force here last night and led to the spectacle of civilians continuing with their drinking while soldiers were ordered away from the bars—La Guardia said: "I'm running the city. I tried to run the army but they wouldn't let me."

Army Visits Bars
Under La Guardia's instructions, issued in his weekly radio chat last Sunday, New York had become the first and only large city to defy war mobilization director James F. Byrnes' midnight curfew request. The army's order hit New York suddenly last night when military police, accompanied by shore patrol as "observers," made the rounds of bars and night clubs at midnight explaining to club owners that they must clear the premises of servicemen.

YANKS, GUERRILLAS SPEED PANAY PUSH

MANILA, March 21 (U.P.).—American troops linked with strong Filipino guerrilla forces on Panay today in an offensive that burst into the suburbs of burning Iloilo and swept through more than 250 square miles of the island.

The lightning strikes of Maj. Gen. Ralph Bruns' 40th division, which threw the Japanese into disorder on Panay's south central plains, ripped through three key road towns and tumbled Mandurriao airdrome, with its big 4500-foot runway.

The extent of the blitz indicated the Japanese were attempting the same destruction of Iloilo and its 90,000 inhabitants as they did at Manila.

ASSOCIATION BUYS KERNEL LAKE SITE

Kernel's lake, 20-acre site in western Marion county, has been sold to the Marion County Fish and Game association. Purchase price on the deal has not yet been announced, but it is believed to approximate \$5000.

For the past six years the lake has been leased by the Bell Telephone Conservation club. Dr. Joseph B. Kernel was the former owner.

CHURCHILL WARNS OF PARTIAL FAMINE

LONDON, March 21 (U.P.).—Prime Minister Churchill told the house of commons today that large portions of Europe may face partial or even total famine next winter and that Britain's own food stocks will sink to minimum levels.

Churchill said that the prospective European famine was one reason for accelerating military operations.

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FALSE ARREST IS CHARGED IN \$20,000 SUITS

22-Year-Old Girl Alleges City Officials Held Her Illegally.

A 22-year-old girl asked damages totaling \$20,000 against Mayor Tynan and other city officials for alleged false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

Suits were filed today in Marion county superior courts 1, 2 and 3. The plaintiff charged that she was arrested March 8 on a vagrancy charge and held for five days, during which time she was taken to the isolation hospital.

Municipal Judge John L. McNelis dismissed the vagrancy charge March 19 after the girl was ordered released a week ago at a habeas corpus hearing in superior court.

Her attorney, James Dawson, said no evidence was presented that the girl ever had been infected with a venereal disease or that she was a "vagrant." He pointed out that a vagrant is a person without visible means of support or established residence.

"This girl has a home and is employed," he said.

Three Suits Filed

A suit for \$10,000 damages was filed against the mayor, William Remy, Paul Robertson and Smiley Chambers, safety board members, Police Chief Jesse McMurtry, Dr. Herman G. Morgan, city health board secretary, Helen Daniels, isolation hospital official, and Judge McNelis.

In a second suit, Raymond Porter, a police officer, was charged with malicious prosecution. It alleges he signed the suit out of which the subsequent arrest was made. This suit asked \$5000 damages.

Defendants in the third suit, charging false imprisonment and asking \$5000 damages were Officer Porter and Vice Squad Members George Martin, Russell Wise, Daniel Newman, James Langford, Thomas Flannery and Ernest Lepper.

The suit charged that this police squad went to the girl's home and arrested her. She was taken to police headquarters and held there 10 hours; the suit alleged, before being taken to the isolation hospital for examination.

Held at Hospital

The plaintiff further alleged that she was held at the hospital four days during which she was required to submit to various examinations and considered a venereal disease suspect.

"This is just the first of four similar suits I am bringing in behalf of girls who have been subjected to this sort of illegal treatment," Mr. Dawson asserted.

"I've got another case where a 19-year-old girl was required to undergo in her apartment before a male police officer. This isn't all. In still another case, a police officer made advances to a girl and when she resisted he threatened to send her to the isolation hospital. A few days later, the girl found herself there."

Charges Gestapo Tactics

The attorney compared local police methods with those used by the gestapo.

The suits were the first civil action taken against the police department despite repeated charges made over a period of two years that hundreds of arrests were being made illegally.

More than a year ago Prosecutor Sherwood Blue reported that his records showed between 700 and 800 "vagrancy" arrests were dismissed as illegal.

In October, 1943, more than a score of girls charged that they were arrested by police without cause, held in jail under \$1000 bonds and confined to the isolation hospital without proper charges being filed against them.

Jap Navy Crippled By 2-Day Blow, Nimitz Says.

By FRANK TREMAINE
United Press Staff Correspondent

GUAM, March 21.—Dispatches from famed Task Force 58 today boosted the toll of two days of daring air attacks on the Japanese fleet in its home bases to at least 17 warships and 600 or more aircraft wrecked.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said the raids Sunday and Monday on Kobe, Kure and other bases in Japan's inland sea had crippled the surviving remnants of the Jap fleet as it was rushing repairs to meet an anticipated invasion of the homeland.

The carrier-borne fleet of 1000 to 1400 U. S. Navy planes broke off its attack late Monday.

Japs Fear New Attack

A Japanese communiqué said the task force, including its escort from the 5th fleet, was "feeling southward" toward the Marianas with aircraft in "hot pursuit."

Radio Tokyo said, however, there were "plenty of possibilities" the task force might renew its attack.

Nimitz's communiqué on the attack listed 15 to perhaps 17 warships as damaged. Late radio dispatches from Task Force 58 said at least 17 and possibly more warcraft were left smoking and bomb twisted.

Revise Plane Losses

The toll included a minimum of seven aircraft carriers, probably all that remained in the Japanese fleet, and two or more battleships, dispatches said. In addition, six freighters were sunk and seven damaged.

The number of "Jap" planes destroyed or damaged was revised by late dispatches from 575 to at least 600.

"Japan's hopes of rebuilding her crippled air force and fleet were smashed," United Press War Correspondent Lloyd Tupling reported from the flagship of Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, commander of the task force.

Nimitz's communiqué reported

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Hoosier Heroes— TWO ARE KILLED, 10 LISTED AS WOUNDED

Sgt. Dooley, Waist Gunner, Pvt. Brown Die.

An Indianapolis waist gunner was killed in action, a New Augusta flier was killed in a plane crash in Texas, and a local marine was wounded on Iwo Jima, according to today's casualty lists.

KILLED

T. Sgt. Donald W. Dooley, Linden hotel, over Germany.

Pvt. Robert M. Brown, New Augusta, in crash in Texas.

WOUNDED

Cpl. George Iseley, 3768 Rockville rd., on Iwo Jima.

Pfc. Robert W. McGowan, 1643 Cornell st., in Luxembourg.

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Perkins: Guaranteed Wage Up to Government or Industry?

By FRED W. PERKINS, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Will every employed man and woman after the war have a guaranteed annual income from his or her job? That question is assigned to a committee of the board advisory to James F. Byrnes, director of war mobilization and reconversion.

The last word in Byrnes' title is important in this connection, because the annual wage may be hooked up with our post-war industrial adjustments.

President Roosevelt gave the kick-off on the subject when he announced an official recommendation for further study of guaranteed wages had been referred to Byrnes' advisory board.

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RECESS COAL PARLEY

WASHINGTON, March 21 (U.P.).—The soft coal wage conference went into "indefinite recess" shortly before noon today. Both union and operator forces said it was uncertain when they would resume negotiations. Their present contract expires in only 10 days.

BOMB GESTAPO QUARTERS

WITH 21ST ARMY GROUP, March 21 (U.P.).—British Mosquito bombers destroyed gestapo headquarters in Copenhagen today. A picked squadron of the speedy plywood bombers wrecked the five-story building housing gestapo headquarters in a three-minute precision attack.

Our Town: Art Now Has U. S. Army Blessing

"The Chapel" by Tech. 5th Gr. Harold Shepherson, Wakarusa general hospital.

"Portrait" by Pvt. Alex Minewski of Billings hospital.

PLAN EXPANSION OF LIGHT PLANT

New Power Company Unit To Cost \$3,600,000.

A \$3,600,000 expansion of the Harding st. power plant, the city's main source of electric supply, was announced today by the Indianapolis Power & Light Co.

H. T. Pritchard, utility president, said priorities are being sought for a 37,500-kilowatt turbo-generator, and a boiler capable of producing 400,000 pounds of steam per hour.

They will constitute the fourth unit at the plant.

The expansion is necessary now, Mr. Pritchard said, because the margin of generating capacity over peak demand has been narrowing.

A total of 997,583,832 kilowatt-hours was sold by the company last year, compared with 464,748,007 in 1939. In that period, the number of customers rose from 125,466 to 140,703.

The addition should be ready 18 months after WPB approval is obtained, inasmuch as it will duplicate the last similar units installed at Harding st. The first two units of 36,750-kw. each were completed and put into service in 1931, and the 37,500-kw. third unit in 1941 and 1942.

Servicemen's Pictures on Display at Illinois Center

By ANTON SCHERRER

YOU HAVE no idea how the war has changed our opinions of men and their behavior. Believe it or not, it is now respectable to be an artist.

Even more significant is the discovery that artists now have the blessing of the American army. In support of which I cite the art shows held last week at Camp Atterbury, Stout Field, Ft. Harrison, Billings hospital and Wakarusa General and Convalescent hospital. In every case the exhibited work was that of servicemen.

Since then the prize pictures have been brought to Indianapolis. They are now on exhibition at the Illinois branch of Indianapolis Service Men's Centers, Inc. (northwest corner of Illinois and Michigan sts.)

Hours: 2 to 10 p. m. The assembled exhibit, labeled the Army Arts show, will close the night of March 23 (next Friday).

Do make an effort to see it, if for no other reason than to readjust your opinion of artists.

And, maybe, of soldiers, too.

The show you are urged to see is bigger than meets the eye. It represents this area's contribution to the much-talked-of army arts contest open to all military personnel.

Show at Ft. Hayes Next.

You ought to know more about it. It appears that somebody in Washington had the imagination to recognize the value and importance of art and crafts as one of the leisure activities in the American army. To acknowledge the creative contest open to all military personnel.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m.	41	10 a. m.	38
2 p. m.	40	11 a. m.	38
8 a. m.	39	12 (Noon)	40
9 a. m.	38	1 p. m.	41

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R. A. F. HEAVIES SLUG NAZI RAIL CENTERS

Americans Raid Airfields to Slow Luftwaffe.

LONDON, March 21 (U.P.).—British Lancasters, carrying 11-ton bombs, continued the aerial poundings of Germany's transportation centers today. They hit the railway bridge across the Weser river near Bremen and railway yards at Munster.

The attack by the British heavies followed those of about 2000 American planes which hit nine airfields in northwest Germany and a tank plant at Plauen in central Germany.

Among the airfields attacked by the American planes in the renewed campaign to knock out the partially revived Luftwaffe were bases for jet-propelled Messerschmitt 262's.

3d and 7th Linked

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3d and 7th Link Up In Spectacular Victory.

By BRUCE W. MUNN
United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, March 21.—All organized German resistance in the Saar-Palatinate collapsed today as the American 3d and 7th armies joined forces.

The combined forces wheeled in to the Rhine to annihilate a few thousand Nazi survivors along a bridgeless, 29-mile stretch of the river bank from Ludwigshafen to the Karlsruhe crossing.

In one of the most decisive victories of the Western war, the two American armies had wiped out all but about 10,000 of the 80,000 or more Germans who held the vast Saar-Moselle-Rhine triangle at the start of the offensive one week ago.

Chemical Center Menaced

Saarlautern, Zweibrücken, Kallert, Wissembourg, Mainz and Worms, the keystones of the German defensive system, were in American hands or on the verge of capture this morning.

A sixth and even greater prize, the sprawling Rhine chemical center of Ludwigshafen, was menaced by two armored columns of the 3d army that raced to within six miles west and northwest of the city.

The last major German escape port across the Rhine at Worms, opposite the east bank city of Karlsruhe, also was imperiled by 7th army troops who smashed through the Siegfried defenses beyond Wissembourg, 15 miles to the southwest.

Not a single Rhine bridge was standing as the Americans struck for the river this morning. The panic-stricken Germans faced the prospect of mass surrender or a suicidal crossing in boats and barges under the fire of American warplanes.

Far to the north, the American 1st army exploded a new offensive northward from its Remagen bridgehead and swept out into open tank country less than a dozen miles from the southern flank of the Ruhr basin.

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How the 3d and 7th armies are chopping up the last of 80,000 Nazis trapped in the Saar basin.