

## NAZI PRISONERS TOTAL 1,600,000

### Stimson Says Foe's Defense In West Broken.

WASHINGTON, April 12 (U. P.).—The German army has lost 1,600,000 men in prisoners captured by the western allies since last June and now has "scant hope" of making a stand between the Elbe and Oder, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today.

Of Germans captured since the Normandy D-day, U. S. armies have taken 1,200,000, Stimson said. The total includes 300,000 captured in the first nine days of this month.

Meanwhile total U. S. combat casualties since the war started, rose to within 610 of an even 900,000. The total was 899,390, an increase of 481 over a week ago. This was the smallest seven-day increase in many weeks.

Stimson told his news conference that German defenses in the west had been broken up and disintegrated. The rate of disintegration increases, he said, as Germans continue to surrender en masse.

"If there is any German hope of standing on the Elbe," he said, "it is a hope based on a delusion." But he added, the corridors between the Elbe and the Oder—that is, between the western allies and the Russians—are only 75 miles wide at some points.

"Cut off from most of Germany's production centers," he continued, "they seem to hold scant hope to the Nazis."

**Demonstration of Power**  
"The people of Germany are getting a demonstration of the power of allied armies," Stimson said, "and from all accounts they have a realistic understanding of the physical failure of Hitler and the gang which they have allowed to lead them."

"As Gen. Eisenhower has more than once indicated, our men are going through Germany as conquerors and not as liberators except as we hope to free the world including the German people from the cancer of Nazism."

There was no official explanation of the small increase in this week's announced U. S. casualties over last week's.

**The casualty figures:**

	Army	Navy	Total
Killed	159,267	37,402	196,669
Wounded	489,256	44,444	533,700
Missing	86,648	10,805	97,453
Prisoners	67,514	4,254	71,768
Totals	802,685	96,705	899,390

Of the army wounded 250,192 have returned to duty.

**FDR URGES HELP TO VETS**  
WASHINGTON, April 12 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt told the house irrigation committee today that legislation "to facilitate the settlement of returning veterans on farms can be of great value in assisting them in returning to civilian life."

**Church Group Complains**  
While Col. Killian may not have yet received any complaints, citizens and the Indianapolis Church federation have complained that certain emporiums in the county are doing business with a flourish.

Authorities have said that they are loathe to do much about these cases unless complainants actually sign affidavits upon which search warrants can be issued. Prosecutor Sherwood Blue and Sheriff Otto Petit have asked the public to take the initiative in ferreting out gambling operations.

Although city enterprises are still pretty well subdued, reports of slot machines in isolated spots and baseball pool tickets practically anywhere are popping up like kernels of fresh corn when the heat's on. And with the police department in an apparent state of flux, factional see-sawing there keeps half the force up in the air at least half the time. Underworld grapevine rumors have it that card and dice players appear in some districts on certain shifts, then softly steal away when other squads take over on other shifts.

**State Agencies Busy**  
Both district and headquarters commands are undergoing a gradual reorganization intended to erase top-ranking officers still sympathetic to ex-Chief Clifford Becker.

## 400 Planes in Record Raid On Tokyo War Plants Area

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their bombs landed directly on the target. Fires were caused and huge clouds of smoke were seen to rise. The mission was 17 hours long.

While the aerial campaign was being renewed, American invasion forces on Southern Okinawa remained stalled for the fourth day by heavy Japanese artillery and mortar fire from defensive positions four miles north of the capital, Naha.

Marine forces to the north continued advances on Ishikawa peninsula.

A Japanese Domei dispatch, reported by the FCC, said about 80 American carrier planes raided Formosa off the southwestern tip of the Ryukyus for about two hours today.

Radio Tokyo said an allied task force, which included the British battleship Queen Elizabeth and another believed to be the French battleship Richelieu, attacked Sabang on We island off northwest Sumatra in the Japanese-occupied Dutch East Indies.

It was the first report of a major French vessel participating in Pacific war operations.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz an-

### C. M. Olson Dies



Charles M. Olson

## NATIONALLY KNOWN THEATER MAN DIES

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began when he bought the Alhambra theater on W. Washington st., where Thompson's restaurant now is located.

He later opened the old Apollo theater on N. Illinois st. and also owned the Lyric theater for many years. In 1928 he sold the Lyric but bought it again about 12 years ago. The Greater Amusement Co. leased the Lyric in 1938.

Mr. Olson also operated the Bair theaters, a chain of neighborhood houses, until he recently sold them to George Landis and Charles Reagan.

About three years ago the theater pioneer, a member of the Variety club, retired. He has been in ill health for some time.

Survivors are his wife, Ethel; four sisters, Mrs. H. P. Bettge, Indianapolis; Mrs. Elsie Lindquist, Mrs. Oscar Fritz and Mrs. Nels Johnson, all of Chicago; and four brothers, Fred, Paul and Robert Flakamp, all of Chicago, and Charles Flakamp, Carmel.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. F. R. Davies of Zion's Evangelical and Reformed church at 3:30 p. m. Saturday in Flanner & Buchanan mortuary. Cremation will follow.

### 'DING-DONG DADDY' STARTS PRISON TERM

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., April 12 (U. P.).—Francis Van Wie, 58, San Francisco's much-married "ding-dong daddy" last night sadly began serving a maximum term of 30 years in San Quentin prison.

Van Wie, who married 13 women, but never was divorced, wept as he took leave of his San Francisco guards on entering the prison. He wore coveralls and fumbled with a battered old hat.

He said he planned to study Spanish in prison.

## RUSSIA SIGNS PACT WITH TITO

### Pledges Mutual Help in Event of Attack.

LONDON, April 12 (U. P.).—Radio Moscow said today that Russia and Yugoslavia have signed a 20-year pact of friendship and alliance.

Under the provisions, the two countries promised to go to the aid of one another in the event of renewed German aggression after the war.

The treaty will be renewed automatically for five-year periods unless one of the countries gives one year's advance notice of termination, the broadcast said.

Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov of Russia signed the pact at Moscow yesterday. It was similar to other pacts concluded by Russia with Britain, Czechoslovakia and France.

### State Deaths

FALMOUTH—Charles Willard Freeman, 72, Survivors: Wife, Nettie May; son, Verne E.; daughter, Mrs. Vera E. Cret.

LAVERGNE—Mrs. Mathew O'Rourke, 57, Survivors: Husband, James; sons, John and Robert; daughter, Mrs. E. W. Collins; grandsons, Albert, John and James.

MORGANTOWN—Andrew Blumberg, 56, Survivors: Brother, Charles.

NEW ALBANY—Mrs. Montie Maguire, 65, Survivors: Son, Leonard; Harold, Cpl. Roy Roby.

PENNSVILLE—Mrs. Eva Bell Costa, 62, Survivors: Husband, John; sons, Mrs. Rosanna Talbot, Mrs. Olive Harp; brothers, Newton and Fred.

PORTLAND—Mrs. Emma E. Grattis, 72, Survivors: Brother, George.

SWATZEE—Rev. Clyde Stone Miller, 57, Survivors: Wife.

## Child's Flag First Flown on Okinawa

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ant signal officer operating under the 3d amphibious corps.

**BUT THIS** is not the first time Glenda's flag has flown over the battlefield.

On Peleliu, too, Maj. Jordan planted the same flag on Peleliu when the marines invaded the Palaus islands in September. There it was the first U. S. flag raised on the former Jap-held island.

Glenda held up two fingers today. "That's what daddy's done with the flag now."

Then she held up three.

"Next time it will be 'Jerpan,'" she said.

"DADDY" wanted that flag, so I gave it to him. And he better be careful with it so he can bring it back home pretty soon. But he put it up like I wanted him to," she said.

And to a marine corps combat correspondent on Okinawa, Maj. Jordan said:

"It's been a pleasure to comply with my daughter's wishes."

**MAJ. JORDAN** entered service in November, 1940. In October, 1942, he shipped overseas for active duty and was in on the initial drive of the way back to Japan.

He hit the beach at Guadalcanal. He returned to the states in May, 1943, and was stationed in Philadelphia. For 15 years prior to entering service he was employed as an electrical engineer at the Indianapolis Power & Light Co.

## 'WE'LL NOT FORGET GERMANS' CRUELTY'

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with the advances into Germany from both the east and the west, "with constant compressing of these prisoners into camps in an ever-narrowing area has resulted in extreme hardship."

**15,000 Set Free**

The allied offensives on both fronts have resulted in the liberation of 27 of the prisoner of war camps out of the 78 in which American soldiers are known to be held, they said. These operations have resulted in the liberation of approximately 15,000 Americans.

The German government, however, has evacuated 36,000 Americans into the interior of Germany, where 34,000 others were already being held, they said.

"Food and sanitary provisions have suffered and disrupted transportation facilities have resulted in a shortage of Red Cross supplies in many places," they said.

In an effort to relieve this situation, they said, large supply depots of Red Cross stocks were established in areas where there were large concentrations of allied prisoners.

These stocks, they said, were "available in Sweden and Switzerland to keep these depots provided."

**Brutal Neglect**

The Stimson-Stettinius statement and the International Red Cross cablegram apparently referred to the same supply setup. Both said transportation had been the principal problem, and both indicated that this problem now had been solved at least to a certain degree.

## Yanks Take Weimar, Cradle Of Fallen German Republic

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break with the discredited Bismarck tradition of iron and blood. That the tradition was to return later with self-destructive force was an irony evidently not foreseen.

Apart from their sentimentality about Weimar, the Germans also had a practical reason for moving the seat for the capital—they avoided the prospects of mob demonstrations by a revolution-torn people.

The constitution, as adopted,

established a new frame of government for a nation of 60,000,000 people. It set forth the philosophy of republican government as the German leaders then saw it and endeavored to make permanent the political achievements of the revolution.

Among revolutionary changes provided in the constitution were the direct election of the nation's chief executive, the establishment of ministerial responsibility, the inauguration of universal suffrage and the use of initiative, referendum and recall.

## Rumor: Leipzig Last Stand Site

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port said.

Face to face with utter defeat and extinction, the Nazi chieftains were reported preparing to throw every last ounce of their fast dwindling resources into their valdictory.

Berlin itself indicated that the Nazis believed their doom to be at hand.

Nazi broadcasts ordered all the German people to become spies for the army, indicating that their Nazi rule and intelligence were in chaos and they did not know where the speeding allied armies might strike next.

**Seek Information**

"Tomorrow your home village may be in the front line without your knowing how this came about," the Nazis said in an implicit threat backing up the order to forward all information on allied movement.

## FIFTH ARMY THRUST NEARS NAVAL BASE

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coast southeast and east of Carrara. One American column occupied Brugiana, two and a half miles north of Massa, while a contingent of Nisei (Japanese American) troops reached the tiny hamlet of Codena, less than a mile east of Carrara.

**Drive Across River**

In the Adriatic sector, 8th army troops burst through strong German opposition to seize several footholds on the western bank of the Santeramo river, less than 23 miles from Bologna.

The drive across the river, next to the last barrier before the open plains of the Po valley, represented a three mile advance by the 8th army forces from newly-captured Lugo.

Other 8th army troops already were established on the north bank of the Reno river, due north of Alfonsine, near Lake Camacchio, where amphibious forces again landed behind the German lines.

While the exact site of the crossing of the lake was not disclosed, headquarters reported that the amphibious action carried the allied troops four miles in back of the German positions. A bridge was taken intact by the surprise landing and more than 100 enemy troops captured.

**MISS CHURCHILL HONORED**

LONDON, April 12 (U. P.).—Mary Spencer Churchill, 21, youngest daughter of Prime Minister Churchill, has been awarded the medal of the British Empire, it was announced today. She now is serving with a heavy anti-aircraft battalion in Belgium.

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