ROME FALLS; GERMANS FLEE; FIFTH ARMY MOPS UP

Yanks Examine Blasted Nazi Equipment At Velletri

German self-propelled guns and other vehicles smashed by tactical Allied bombing near the strategic town of Velletri, Italy, are given the once-over by American troops shortly after they began to encircle the Nazi bastion. The flanking of the town resulted in the capture of the Heights in the Alban hills from which the Yanks can see the dome of St. Peter's Cathedral in the city of Rome. This is an

KURILES BOMBED 5 DAYS IN ROW

Americans Wage Bitter Battle At Approach Of Tokyo

orthern approaches to Tokyo and recess about June 20.

ter W. Nimitz announced today.

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Rain Clouds Lower And Barometer Falls Over Dover's Strait

LONDON, June 4.—(AP)—Rain clouds gathered over Dover strait tonight after a day of mixed cloud and sunshine and a gusty southwesterly wind. The barometer dropped and

the temperature was down to 55 at 9:30 p. m. The wind moderated a little, but breakers were whitecapped. Visibility

High tides at Calais 12:29 p. m. Monday and 12:47 a. m. and 1:07 p. m. Tuesday (1:29 a. m. and 5:47 p. m. Monday and 7:07 a. m. Tuesday, Eastern

nuniques indicated today.

months list 187 Japanese vessels

By contrast, the average month-

ly rate of destruction in 1942 was

approximately nine Japanese ships

underwater threat by convoy op-

and in 1943 was about 23 ships.

sunk by U. S. submersibles, an

American Subs Hit Japs

4 Times As Hard As In '42

NEW YORK, June 4- (A) -Am- abled effect of the submarine cam-

least four times as hard at enemy her overseas bases, naval com-

suppling as in 1942, a study of navy muniques in the past five months

Announcements in the past five struction of 21 enemy tankers.

Ward Case In Spotlight To Speed Adjournment

By HOWARD SUTTLE Star-News Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, June 4.—Investigation of the government's seizure of the Chicago properties of Montgomery Ward and company U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD- returns to the congressional spotlight Tuesday to vie with an all-

suggestion was not adopted, he'd wouth hit Friday at Truk, Nomoi, congressman said that if Porter's be glad to "use my influence with sembly to that effect, which now one bridge, representing about Romney (House Sergeant-at-arms settles the question of the city ex-Kenneth Romney) to obtain two tension.

> a member, is just one of about a ditional cost to the taxpayers, and the manney beyong that would be week's schedule that will begin the manpower hours that would be Monday with house debate on the lost by holding a second primary, controversial issue of what should he does not believe it would be to be done with the cases of Major the best interest of New Hanover General Walter C. Short and Rear county and Wilmington to request Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Ar- a run-off. my and Navy commanders, re- Kermon further stated that he

and Kimmel have signed waivers fice any personal ambition for a declaring they will not invoke the seat in the 1945 General Assembly. statute of limitations in event of The insistence of his friends to court martial on charges of dere- enter into the second primary has lict in duty, several congressmen, been great, he said, but he bemostly Republicans, are pressing lieves that the decision made will

the Burma supply route.

six warships.

R. M. Kermon, present repre--American bombers being rushed through both houses sentative of New Hanover county the double-track Mount Cenis railattacked the Kurile islands on the to clear the decks for a planned in the General Assembly, stated road leading west from Turin to

second primary.

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There is no other issue at con-The Ward hearing before the house committee, of which Rep. J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville, is a member is just for the best interest of Wilmington and the Democratic party, and in view of the immediate protroversy locally, said Kermon, and an Allied air attack on the eastern

spectively, of the Hawaiian area is interested in Wilmington and at the time of the Pearl Harbor New Hanover county and its future growth and development, and to Despite the fact that both Short achieve that end, he would sacrifor legislation directing early trials make for greater coordination of (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) purpose and cooperation of efforts.

General Clark Under Enemy Fire At Rome

ROME, June 4.-(A)-The Allied Fifth Army entered Rome slowly today, for the Germans had droper can submarines are hitting at paign on Japan's ability to supply ped all pretense that it was an

through the suburbs toward the cence," an official headquarters Adding to Japan's woes, British center of the city along the Casi-

average monthly toll of 37.4 ships. chalked up 19 successful attacks ocean, have been powerful factors the final cleanup.) The total wartime "catch" in

ers' 'bag' of 573 enemy ships in United Nations' submarines, other two and two far eastern and Pacific waters of Mark W. Clark, commander of "To the Japanese, Burma shows two and one-half years of war than American, is upward of 50 area. Bullets whizzed over his of becoming a dangerous running against our Allied loss of 27 planes. the town a Japanese attack cost the enemy 30 killed, the communiwere 47 warships, including at least five anning and suping him fired on the snipers. The plies, whose reinforcement and re- que reported that Allied troops The fact that since January the Japanese have lost four destroyers and 20 destroyers.

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attack may indicate an attempt skill and experience of U. S. naval at the collar. by N ppon to stem the American personnel in waging offensive unmolitions in earnest

3. Bombers CLARK'S FORCES FIGHT WAY Flast 2 Foe Areas In Day

DOUBLE-TINED BLOW

Pound Strongholds In France And Italy

LONDON, June 4.—(P)-Upward of 1,200 American heavy bombers struck Europe again today — some 500 pounding German strongholds along the invasion coast while their comrades from the Mediterranean made a strong attempt to sever two main rail lines between France and Italy. Swarms of medium bombers and fighter bombers from Britain kept the thunderous assaults going as for the second straight day the fortresses and Liberators returned from France without loss after saturating defenses around Boulogne with 1,500 tons of bombs.

Radio Chain Broken

Spitfire bombers and fighters hammered enemy radio installations along the northern coast of France this evening and the air ministry announced that more links in the Nazi radio chain had been

500 and 750 Fifteenth Air Force heavy bombers swept up from southern Italy to attack

One force hit the Turin yards, last night that he would decline the Italian side of the Modane tunnorthern approaches to Tokyo and Truk in the central Pacific for the fifth consecutive day, Adm. Chestifith consecutive day, Adm. Ch

Yards at Novi Legure, 25 miles

The Paris radio reported tonight

In Flames At Cherry Point Training Base posals to make Rome an open city

NORFOLK, Va., June 4.—(AP) -Three persons were burned to death in a fire of undetermined origin which swept the training building at the Marine Corps air station at Cherry Point Saturday afternoon, Fifth Naval District headquarters announced today.

The names of the victims were withheld.

A board of inquiry was named to conduct an investigation

TO CENTER OF CITY AGAINST BLOCK BY BLOCK RESISTANCE

1,200 American Planes Kisses, Tears And Flowers Mark U.S. March On Rome

Commander

By DANIEL DE LUCE IN THE SUBURBS OF ROME June 4 - Amid kisses and tears from hysterical Romans, Fifth Army tanks and infantry fought a four-hour battle this morning against German armor five miles from the heart of the city.

In a dawn dash from Borgata Finocchio, 13 miles distant on the Via Vasilina, a spearhead of 24 Sherman tanks, eight armored cars and 150 U.S. and Canadian infantrymen pushed beyond suburban Torre Spaccata before they ran headlong into a German road block. Old men and young girls

and toddling children were waving the Americans on when the fire of German 88-millimeter guns knocked out the leading tank and snipers started pouring machine-gun fire from hideouts next to a white church whose bells were ringing for early mass. An Italian partisan who said

the fascists had put out his left eye in torturing him kissed me on the cheek and volunteered the information that

HITLER DECLARES

-that the withdrawal of German

troops to the northwest of the city

and said the Allies had been of-

fered a plan whereby Rome would

In the first word from the fhue-

rer's headquarters in several days,

it was asserted the fight in Italy would continue and that measures

were being taken "to force final

victory for Germany and her al-

"The year of the invasion," one

communique said, "will bring Ger-

many's enemies an annihilating

defeat at the most decisive mo-

from the city, it was said, was in-

tended "to prevent the destruction

The German radio said Field

Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring

had submitted to the Vatican pro-

with a request that they be convey-

ed to the Allies, but that "so far

no reply has been received from

the Anglo-American high com-

The proposals were said to have

been advanced at 11 p. m. Satur-

(Field dispatches from Rome re-

ported Allied troops met fierce re-

sistance from German armor and

snipers in street to street fighting

before final Nazi opposition was

day. This was less than 24 hours

before Rome changed hands.

The order to evacuate troops

ment.'

of Rome.

mand."

be regarded as an "open city."



General Mark Clark, command er of American forces in Italy which entered Rome.

he was leading an armed band of civilians back into Rome "to kill Germans."

relief supplies in huge quantities

and the re-organization of the Ital-

ian government.

immediate comment.

Prince Umberto.

should be forthcoming soon.

Once Umberto takes office, ex- there.

perts on Italian political affairs

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Two Major Problems

problems—the delivery of food and NEAKEK CHANGOHA

The first step in reorganization munique announced tonight.

of the Italian government will be Liuyang lies 30 miles due east

the retirement of King Vittorio of Changsha and its possession

Emanuele. He promised several would enable the invaders to at-

weeks ago that upon the liberation tack the city directly from the

point as his successor, Crown day from the Pingkiang area to-

American officials have accepted the hilly region 20 miles to the

that promise quite literally and northeast, but were stopped there

sign. Umberto is expected to re- columns east of the Canton-Han-

appoint him and his coalition gov- kow railway continued to drive

Badoglio's task then will be to counters also were reported south-

seek recruits among the political west of Pingkiang, where the ene-

parties in Rome. The assumption my split into two columns, one for

here has been that the liberation the drive on Liuyang, the other

Smiling, brown-eyed girls brought bouquets of flowers to dust-covered riflemen who were crawling up a sloping field of wild barley and poppies to scout German positions flanking the heavily-mined airport at Centocelle.

A bald clerk, carrying an empty wine flagon, showed soldiers bruises on his face and explained that the Germans had beaten him as he walked into the suburbs looking for milk for his five chil-

"The enemy blew up Rome's water, gas and electric works yesterday," he said "There is nothing to eat. For four months there has been no meat and for two months not a single egg. There is great con-fusion. All the big fascists are fleeing." The historic Via Casilina

probably never had witnessed a more thundering military spectacle than that of the past 24 hours in which the onrushing Allies broke through the German lines in the Sacco valley and into the green Campagno facing Rome's seven

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major objective, a Chinese com-

ward Liuyang and tried to cross

At the same time heavy fight

slowly down the route. Sharp en-

aimed directly southwest toward

Changsha, 50 miles from Pingkiang. This line extended from a

The new strategy placed the left

to 12 miles south of the town.

Face Allies In Italy

FIRST EUROPEAN **CAPITAL TAKEN**

16,000 Prisoners Bagged; 600 Vehicles Wrecked: Foe Finally Routed

ROME, June 4. — (P) — Rome, the Eternal City, was liberated tonight by tanks and infantry troops of the Allied Fifth Army which battled German rear-guards to the edge of the ancient Fo-

A force from the old Anzio beachhead completed the mopup of Nazi forces at 9:15 p. m. (3:15 p. m., Eastern war

The Fifth Army . force fought its way into the heart of the city after a four-hour battle against German armor in the suburbs of the ancient capital.

5th Army In Lead

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, June 4-(AP)-Allied Fifth Army troops burst into the city limits of historic Rome late today after a fierce battle at the suburbs. Block by block Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's men edged into the metropolis, and Rome's fall was

nearing hourly tonight. "Sporadic resistance continues," said a Laconic headquarters an-

The huge air-wreaked toll of Nazi transports on congested roads The enemy made it a battle every

> WASHINGTON, June 4.-(P) -The battle for Rome, from

CHUNGKING, June 4.—(AP)-Japthe time the Allies swept Both problems have been under anese troops have ploughed across the Messina straits onstudy here as well as in London through Sinshih and stabbed six to the Italian O Veininsular officials were confident they would miles beyond the town toward Laut Sept 3, cost the lives of more than 9,600 Americans. be tackled with all possible speed. Changsha, while another column Diplomatic and military officials in the many-sided Hunan province foot of the way through the subhere had expected the liberation offensive has attempted an assault urbs into Rome. The Germans hurlwhile obviously delighted that it toward Liuyang to the east for an

ed all they had-tanks, armor and had been achieved, they had no encircling movement against the artillery - into fierce fighting to block the Fifth Army steamroller at least until they could pull out more of their own menaced forces. This break into Rome, center of Catholicism and once the seat of the ancient Roman empire, came of the Italian capital he would east over mostly flat country. The 24 days after the Allies unleashed move into the background and ap- column struck southward yester- a powerful combined offensive of 12 days after Fifth Army men on the Anzio beachhead hurled forth their powerdrive aimed at the capibelieve the king's fulfillment of it by the Chinese, the communique tal.

Lashing at the Nazi columns resaid. Fighting was in progress treating from Rome, Allied fighterbombers destroyed or damaged at here said, Premier Marshal Pietro ing raged south of the Milo river Badoglio and his cabinet will re- along a 30-mile front as enemy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN THE SUBURB OF ROME, June 4.—(P)—One hundred and thirty-five German soldiers mutinied, shot two officers and surrendered to an American infantry company west of Lanuvio, as the final drive toward Rome got under way, it was reported today.

point six miles west of Pingkiang least 600 motor vehicles finding "excellent targets in congested traffic" above the city to Viterbo. Lake Bracciano and Lake Bolsena wing of the invaders' main body headquarters said . now 40 miles east northeast of the Other planes struck troops con

vital Hunan city, braced for its centrations and gun positions. fourth battle of the war, field dis-

patches said, while directly from strong smashed meanwhile at tarthe north, the Japanese pushed gets on two main rail lines on the French-Italian frontier. The fighter-bombers found the

north as Viterbo, 38 miles above Rome, and Lake Bracciano, 50 miles from the capital.

The great roundup of prisoners continued-with more than 15,000 now taken by the Fifth Army alone.

The Eighth Army has captured at least 1.000. Five of the 18 German divisions engaged in Italy already had been virtually annihilated. Thus the Allies were well along in their avowed purpose of this offensive to crush the Nazi le-Battlefields were strewn with vast

amounts of wrecked Nazi equip-

tonight the President's talk will be carried over the four mafor networks between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m., Eastern War Time.

Indo-Burma Campaigns Regarded Satisfactory But Not Top-Notch SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND, ese thrust in Assam, "have proved was attributable to weather inter-

summary said today.

Early in the afternoon Lt. Gen. ground operations, and added:

All operations including those in Kohima. personnel in waging offensive unshortly after 3:30 p.m. great
derseas warfare, plus the rapid clouds of thick smoke rose from seph W Stilwell's Americans Chi north Power fishting for No mention was made of the were continued. Southeast of the derseas warrare, plus die rapid clouds of thick smoke fold from seph W. Stilwell's Americans, Chi- north Burma fighting for Myitky- Imphal plain, Allied troops took wartime growth of the submarine Rome as the Germans began de ness and Chindits and the Japan in This lock of many land.

"Overwhelming air superiority all over the theater, and the abon Japanese shipping, mostly on p.m.—11 a.m. Eastern War Time the review reported that the arrivlittle slackening of aerial and in our favor against the Japan-The account said that in May 78

HEADQUARTERS, KANDY, Cey- that now in equipment, training ference with army signals. Last lon, June 4.—(P)—Results thus far toughness and endurance, the reports from Myitkyina yesterday Self-propelled guns, tanks and of the Allied Indo-Burma cam- troops of the United Nations are said the Chinese and Americans to a point within 35 miles of the muniques in the past five months have credited submarines with dehalied troops as they pushed the Allied troops as they pushed the summary declared. itkina, while in the southern part Sinshih and driven six miles fur- Nazi columns retreating as far of that Japanese bastion the Chi- ther south along the rail route. nese had retaken the railway sta-Expressing guarded optimism, sence of any challenge at sea, in tion and were making slow but Roosevelt To Discuss

tities of Japanese supplies, ammunition and gasoline 30 miles southeast of Kohima, and southwest of the town a Japanese attack cost

Southwest of Bishenpur the enenorth and northwest of Bishenpur

Rome In Broadcast On All Networks Tonight

WASHINGTON, June 4-(P)-President Roosevelt will discuss the fall of Rome, the first Axis capital captured by the Allies, in a 15-minute radio broadcast to the nation tomorrow night.

The White House announced

The blistering drive to Rome

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Lending emphasis to the dis- fleet.