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SEVEN

ENGINEERS HELP DRIVE TO RHINE GAIN MOMENTUM

By WES GALLAGHER

JUELICH, Germany, Feb. 24.-P-Thanks to engineers who bridged the Roer river under fire and took the heaviest casualties since D-Day, the U. S. Ninth Army drive to the Rhine gained momentum today, smashing forward through a maze of defenses four to four and a half miles beyond the jump-off points.

Although the Germans had been pushed from many observation posts, their gunners had carefully zeroed in the river and raked it For the second day, with fire. mud-soaked engineers disrearded comrades wounded around them and kept the traffic flowing. One bridge was put in eight times before it finally stayed, and each time the cost was met in and courage by the engiblood who often have the dirty neers. jobs but seldom hit the

me their casualties were This 11 proportion than the athigher

tacking infantry. This pile of rubble that once was a thriving city dating back at least 800 years, fell yesterday to the 29th infantry division, which pushed on east nearly two miles today

to the outskirts of Stetternich. On the northern edge of the city, the centuries-old citadel, with its 140-foot thick walls, fell quickly to infantry attacking with flame-

a brigadier general, who rode which made the deepest penetra-tion at Linnich, reached Hottorf, four and a half miles from the jump-off. In this sector a series of small counterattacks were beat-

ten off.

streets begin and houses begin. nila and of Corregidor.

Battling Yanks Take Cover On Iwo Jima Beach



throwers. The task force that knocked out the handful of defenders was under the handful of defenders was under the handful of defenders was under

round under fire of a buildozer, rounding up armored weapons and flamethrowers for the assault. The 102nd infantry division, Major Allied Offensive And Invasion Of Tiny Iwo Marks Week's War News

bruecken area. The Russians in which gained as much as half a The big Allied offensive against Silesia drove to within 19 miles mile at some points. American Germany from the west started on the Saxon border and in the casualties in the first two days worry any more about his Wash-The 102nd and 29th divisions had been sitting along the Roer for weeks, planning crossings, and capitalized on their long study. Other divisions are taking part in the assault toward the Rhine, but the assault toward the Rhine, but the assault toward the Rhine, but it was obviously a tactical 36 ships sunk or damaged and con-their identity has not yet been dis-but it was obviously a tactical 36 ships sunk or damaged and con-front. The Canadian First army too busy to waste my time," he pause. The Red armies were siderable destruction done ashore resumed its advance in the north. said.

closed by the Army. "We have progressed very nicely, and casualties have not been as high as expected." a Ninth Army officer said. The moderate German resist-The moderate German resist-The moderate German resist-The moderate German resist-ances in expected to stiffen, and thrust into the heart of the Reich. The American landing on Iwo re-tablished a beachhead 2 1-2 miles Italy captured Mount Belvedere high command is drawing rein-forcements from other sectors of ing of the Pacific war and was the weakened front to meet the still at its height. Casualties were yo was attacked by probably 150 nine miles through the German dethe weakened front to meet the still at its height. Casualities were yo was attacked by probably 150 inhe fiftees through the German de-offensive along the Roer. The 29th division had one of the toughest tasks, fighting from rub-

ble heap to rubble heap trough this town, which is so flattened to the rapidly extermination More than 1,600 American this town, which is so flattened to the rapidly extermination More than 1,600 American the trough the planes struck the greatest blow of this town, which is so flattened ing the remaining Japanese in Ma-is impossible to tell where ing the remaining Japanese in Ma-nila and on Corregidor. The Allied offensive in the west captured Zawada, 45 miles from fronts. The onslaught came as the looked like a road fell through in-to the cellar of what once was a summer full action from the way to Duradon the way to Duradon

and Seventh in full action from the way to Dresden. Bulldozers had to carve streets the lower Rhine to the Saar basin. On Tuesday, the Marines cap- pushed closer to Calcar, capturing through great piles of debris as shells burst around them. Back on the river, engineers still had a big job ahead, because the

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. - (P) Rep. John Rankin said today ne is too busy fighting a plot to 'overthrow this government'' to

Rankin Fights Plot To

'Overthrow Government'

There was no new communique from his adversary hook, the Michigan democrat who shouted "liar' to Rankin and found himself in combat.

> When barbed wire was first inroduced in the British Isles and America, there was strong objecion to it on humanitarian grounds.

INSURANCE TAXES Army Investigating Swiss Bomb Complaint **TO BE DISCUSSED**

RALEIGH, Feb. 24. -(P)- A said today that an Army investiga. tentative proposal seeking to pro-tion is under way into a Swiss vide for more equitable taxation complaint that U. S. planes attack-ing of the Piedmont division of of insurance companies operating ed towns Thursday. in North Carolina will be discuss- Grew said that if American the North Carolina Lions club if ed next Tuesday at a public hear- planes were responsible reparation the ODT and Lions international ing before a sub-committee of the will be made "insofar as that is approve the session, it was an

joint finance committee. Drawn by members of the sub-committee and insurance and tax experts, the measure would amend U. S. aircraft had bombed and will be permitted to attend the the continuing revenge act relat- strafed causing deaths of 16 and local district convention. Local ing to taxes on insurance pre- injury to many more. miums and would result in an estimated annual loss of \$100,000 in pay the insurance premium taxes the attendance within the 50-limi-

evenue to the state. A need for revising the state's in this state only under protest. The bill, which will be present- Frances E. Walker of the local revenue to the state.

existing laws on insurance pre- ed to the finance committee after Lion club has been endorsed for mium taxes arose when the United the public hearing, seeks to do district governor by Durham Lions, States Supreme Court ruled that away with differing tax schedules and his name will be offered at insurance is interstate commerce, for foreign and domestic compa- the convention in case it is held. thus placing North Carolina's pre-mium tax laws in a "doubtful" criminatory" by placing both for-the current officers will be recategory. Several large insurance eign and domestic companies on quested to serve another year, it companies have said they will the same premium tax basis.

IN DURHAM SOON WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. - (AP) -Acting Secretary of State Grew DURHAM, Feb. 24-(A)-Durham

L'ons pointed out the fact today that this regulation would bring

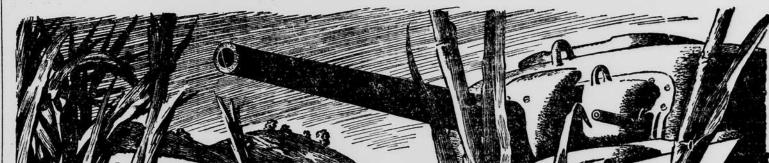
LIONS MAY MEET

Under the Palms at the Plaza Hotel in New York

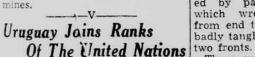


National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, pleasant touch, of course, is Pepsi-Cola.

The Palm Court Lounge-Adding a very pleasant Mrs. Donald de Lisser, Mrs. Josette D. Lutz, and touch to business, committee members of the Edward Dowden, Jr. discuss future activities. The



river was sowed with all types of



WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. - (AP) -Uruguay today poined the United Nations, having declared war On S

The except Argentina

from end to end of the Reich and Canadian First army along the Admiral Nimitz announced that badly tangled traffic leading to the Rhine, but the American Third American casualties have risen to made gains of up to 2 1-2 miles 385 killed and 4,168 wounded.

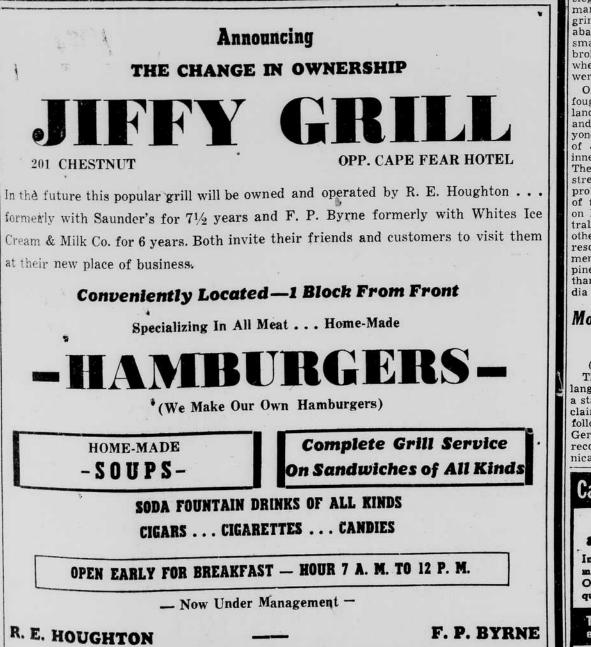
ing along the Italian front. Develpments of the week in- fighters did tremendous damage in the Roer after a terrific artillery

(By United Press)

On Sunday, Canadian First at Nuernberg, Germany. The Rus- emy lines. The Germans were against Germany and Japan last Thursday. The dermans were army troops fought into the out-skirts of Goch in their drive on stretch of the Bober river southeast the offensive and lost most of the

Uruguayan ambassador, the Ruhr. The American Third of Berlin to within eight miles of stronghold of Juelich, as well as Juan Carlos Blanco, signed for army invaded Germany at a new Guben.

his country. The list of signatures point north of Vianden, Luxem- On Wednesday, the Marines planes struck again at the Gernew includes all American nations bourg, and the Seventh army drove toward Iwo Jima's central man communications system. The crossed the border in the Saar- airfield in a general advance Russians completed the conquest



The land action was accompani- the Japanese in Manila, Corregi- over Germany is near. The Maed by paralyzing aerial blows dor, and Bataan peninsula. Ger-which wrecked communications man counter-attacks slowed the Mount Suribachi volcano on Iwo.

There was stiff localized fight-on a 50-mile front. More than 1,600 On Friday, the American Ninth Amercian heavy bombers and and First armies smashed across an attack on the big railway yards and aerial bombardment of the en-

other towns. Some 6,000 Allied

of Poznan, Poland, after a siege, during which 48,000 Germans were killed or captured. The grim battle for Iwo continued unabated and American gains were small. American troops in Manila broke into the old walled city, where the last of the Japanese were holding out.

On Saturday, the Americans lought their way onto the Rhineland plain 19 miles from Cologne and were two to 3 1-2 miles beyond the shattered Roer ine. All of Juelich was taken except the nner Citadel, and part of Dueren. The Russians were fighting in the streets of encircled Breslau and probing across a 60-mile stretch of the Neisse river. The Marines on Iwo got a foothold on the central airfield in bitter fighting. Another 2,146 Allied prisoners were rescued from a Japanese internment camp on Luzon in the Philippines. A force of probably more than 100 Superfortresses from In-dia bombed Singapore.

Moscow Says Emergency **Proclaimed At Bremen**

(By The Associated Press) The Moscow radio in a German language broadcast yesterday said a state of emergency had been proclaimed in the Bremen port area following "disturbances" among German sailors. The broadcast was recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

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"The driver told me what he was going to do and those treads looked plenty big as they straddled me. He pulled me through the escape hatch which is in the floor of the tank. If you should go to the Chrysler Tank Arsenal, find the head man and kiss him on the forehead for me. I love tanks and everyone connected with them."

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*Actual letter from a marine to Stf. Sgt. Wm. Hendricks, Jr., U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting, Detroit.