

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and mild today, tonight and Saturday, slightly higher temperatures tonight. Scattered showers in mountains tonight and over west-north portions Saturday.

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U. S. Ninth Army Drives To Rhine

RUSSIANS NOW AT POINT SEVEN MILES FROM BALTIC

Giant Sky Fleets Give Support To Allied Units Driving Toward Rhine

LONDON, March 2.—(P)—Fleets of 2,000 heavy bombers backed Allied armies today, with a force of 750 to 1,000 RAF bombers bombarding Cologne, immediately ahead of the U. S. First Army.

Two hours later more than 1,200 Flying Fortresses and Liberators opened their bomb doors over half a dozen key rail and oil targets in southeastern Germany.

The great American armada streamed across the Reich in a 200-mile train. It first made a feint at Berlin, then broke into sections and winged southward. Berliners stayed in their shelters more than an hour.

The first big air battles in nearly two months were fought over the heart of Germany today during Allied bomber assaults on the Reich. At least 55 enemy planes were shot down.

Two strong forces attacked the huge freight yards at Dresden, just ahead of the Red Army, and Chemnitz, also a vital traffic artery to the eastern front.

Others hit the large Krupp Tank factory at Madgeburg, important synthetic oil works at Madgeburg and Bohlen and an oil refinery at Rositz south of Leipzig.

Hundreds of fighters and light bombers mauled German battlelines in relays while the heavy bombers were carrying out their 19th straight day of operations.

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Enemy Pushed Into Northern Tip Of Iwo

Japanese Still Putting Up Desperate Fight; FDR Says Situation Well In Hand

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Mar. 2.—(P)—Tank-led U. S. Marines hammered ahead on smoking little Iwo Jima today, compressing the island's desperate Japanese garrison into the rugged northern tip for a final stand.

The fighting was fierce and Thursday field dispatches reported the Japanese, pushed into a shrinking third of the island, were regrouping to exact a bloody toll or every American advance.

Confidence in the eventual outcome of the bitter battle was voiced in the halls of Congress at Washington where President Roosevelt said "the situation is well in hand," on the island 750 miles from Tokyo.

While gains Thursday were limited against stiff opposition on Iwo's eastern shore, two divisions on the west and center struck ahead, under air cover and preceded by a shattering artillery and naval barrage.

Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine's Third division occupied the western end of uncompleted Motoyama airfield No. 3. The Devils are already have seized Iwo's two other completed airstrips.

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Condition Mr. Schenck Continues Unchanged

The condition of John F. Schenck, who has been critically ill at his Lawdale home following a recent paralytic stroke, continues unchanged today.

Republicans See 'No News' In FDR's Yalta Report

WASHINGTON, March 2.—(AP)—Republican criticism of President Roosevelt's Yalta report muffled somewhat today Democratic predictions the senate is ready to go all-out on international peace plans.

While leading Republicans complained that Mr. Roosevelt gave them "no news" on Big Three agreements at a joint session of Congress yesterday, Democrats generally credited him with having scored heavily in his plea for non-partisan consideration of world security proposals.

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DANZIG IS CUT OFF BY 22-MILE SOVIET PUSH

Konev's Army Reported Launching New Large-Scale Attack

GERMANS DESERTING

LONDON, March 2.—(P)—Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's second White Russian army has reached the Stettin-Danzig highway between Koeslin and Schlawe in Pomerania and only seven miles from the Baltic coast the German high command announced today.

The 22-mile advance from Bublitz, for all practical purposes, cut Danzig off from contact with Germany and isolated a 155-mile coastal belt of eastern Pomerania and northwestern Poland fronting on the Baltic and the Gulf of Danzig.

About 90 miles southeast of this penetration, the Germans said, the Russians also broke into the main German lines north of Annewalde after crossing the Inna river.

The Inna forms one of the chief defenses of the fortress of Stettin, 19 miles east of Danzig.

Here the Russians were about 55 miles from the Baltic and were threatening to drive on to the Stettiner Haff, a 25-mile wide coastal lagoon north of Stettin through which the Oder river flows to the sea.

Whether they actually intended to outflank Stettin from the north remained to be seen, however.

The German radio said Marshal Ivan Konev launched a large-scale offensive with his first Ukrainian Army at a point about 105 miles northeast of Prague, Czechoslovakia.

KONEV ATTACKING A German radio commentator said Konev was attacking east of Schweidnitz, about 30 miles southwest of Breslau and 15 miles from

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JONES IS NOT HEAD OF FHA

Gave Up Post When He Was Ousted As Secretary Of Commerce

WASHINGTON, March 2.—(P)—President Roosevelt said today that Jesse H. Jones no longer is federal loan administrator.

He ceased to head the big lending agencies, the president said, when he was ousted as secretary of commerce.

Jones announced at the time he was removed that he was turning over the secretaryship to Wayne C. Taylor, undersecretary. Since, however, he had been going to his office regularly and transacting the loan administrator activities.

Asked about Jones' status at his news conference today, the president said the Texan was head of the loan agencies as secretary of commerce. He replied with a flat no to a question whether Jones remains as loan administrator until a successor is appointed.

"Does he know that?" a reporter asked. The president replied with a smile that he should have asked that at Yalta.



U. S. MARINES AND JAPS LIE TOGETHER IN DEATH—Within a few yards of each other, two dead U. S. Marines (left), covered with their ponchos, and four dead Japanese soldiers lie amidst the debris of battle on Iwo Jima island. Fierce fighting has raged on the tiny spot of land, just 750 miles from Tokyo, since the Marines landed Feb. 19.

Yanks' Seizure Of Palawan Threat To Japs' Sea Lanes To East Indies

SUPERFORTS HIT SINGAPORE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—(P)—Superfortresses returned to Singapore today to bomb major industrial installations and the enemy-held naval base.

For the third time since Feb. 1 B-29s of Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey's 20th bomber command hit this strategically important target at the crossroads of the Japanese empire.

The daylight mission was announced at 20th Air Force headquarters. Further details will be made known when operational reports are received.

Some 150 Superforts roared across the Bay of Bengal from India bases last Saturday to plummet demolition and fire bombs on the Singapore dock area. Smoke curled up 20,000 feet from the Japanese-held harbor facilities as the American sky giants drew away.

On February 1 B-29s hit and sank a floating drydock there capable of handling the world's largest ships.

Singapore harbor is the main clearing center for enemy war supplies and equipment between the Japanese homeland and its troops in occupied territories.

MARTIN HARMON BUYS HERALD AT KINGS MOUNTAIN

KINGS MOUNTAIN —Haywood E. Lynch, for the past ten years publisher of the Kings Mountain Herald, has sold his paper to Martin L. Harmon, native of this city but lately at Albemarle where he served as secretary of the Merchants association and Chamber of Commerce, who will take over at once operation of the property.

In announcing the sale to Mr. Harmon it was made clear by Mr. Lynch that should Mr. Harmon later dispose of the property he will have first right to be the purchaser.

"I feel sure that the paper is in good hands, because I would not have sold the Herald had I thought otherwise," said Mr. Lynch in a formal statement published in this week's final issue under his ownership.

Mr. Harmon, a native of Kings Mountain, is a veteran of World War II, having served overseas as an ensign in the naval reserve.

MANILA, March 2.—(P)—Veteran 41st Division Yanks have seized control of the westernmost Philippine island of Palawan in a move to sever Japan's tenuous shipping lanes to her rich, stolen East Indies.

Girl Refuses To Testify Against Lt. Sam C. Epes

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 2.—(P)—A defense lawyer charged today that officials were "harassing" a young woman war plant worker of Lake Charles, La., "to make a statement against" Lt. S. C. Epes, charged with slaying his pretty 26-year-old wife, Mary Lee Epes.

The attorney, State Senator Edgar A. Brown, made the statement after Sheriff T. Alex Heise of Columbia, now in Lake Charles, announced that the unnamed 20-year-old Lake Charles girl had declined to testify as a state witness in the forthcoming trial of Lt. Epes here but instead would "do everything in my power to aid him."

Brown reported the girl in Lake Charles telephoned Epes' parents that "officials" were harassing her with threats of making her name public unless she agreed to make a statement against the young lieutenant.

Sheriff Henry A. Reid at Lake Charles had previously referred to South Carolina authorities a batch of letters received from the girl by Epes in which he expressed admiration for her.

GIRL'S TESTIMONY "If I see the girl and she knows anything that will lend light up—"

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ONE DIES AND 6 OTHERS HURT IN RAIL ACCIDENT

Seven persons were injured, one fatally, when a Seaboard work engine ran through an open switch into some camp cars on the C. C. and O. yard at Bostic Wednesday night at 9:20 o'clock.

Funeral for A. D. Thomas, 50, of Lunday, was being held in Mitchell today. He died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock from injuries received in this accident after being treated at the Rutherfordton hospital. D. B. Harrill, of Green Mountain, who was the person next most seriously injured was discharged from the hospital yesterday. Five others were given first aid treatment at the Rutherfordton hospital on Wednesday night.

Western Edge Of Ruhr Is Overrun; Neuss, Suburb Of Duesseldorf, Captured

PARIS, March 2.—(P)—The swift and powerful American Ninth Army fought to the Rhine today and captured Neuss, suburb of Duesseldorf, in new spectacular 15-mile advances overrunning the western edge of the Ruhr.

Several miles to the north, other Ninth Army troops plunged into the Ruhr steel and rail center of Krefeld (170,000). The great Rhine port of Duisburg was only seven miles ahead.

The American Third Army captured Trier, oldest city in Germany and key to the whole Moselle valley leading to Coblenz and the middle Rhine. All organized resistance in the strongly fortified center of 88,000 ceased before noon.

The 83rd Infantry Division fought swiftly through the bomb blasted city of Neuss, which lies on the west bank of the river opposite Duesseldorf, administrative center of the Ruhr.

Neuss, (45,000) and other towns on the west bank of the river surrendered Docily. Many American shells poured into Duesseldorf, thick with chimney of blast furnaces, oil plants, munition works and coking ovens.

The 150,000 attacking men of the Ninth Army were in a swift and fruitful pursuit of Field Marshal von Rundstedt's fleeing and shattered forces.

Tanks and infantry of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's shock force spurred miles to the north and seized the Dutch bastion and rail center of Venlo and moved within 16 miles of the Canadian First Army, threatening to trap thousands of Germany's finest parachute and tank troops.

Town after town in the jump-packed western edge of the Ruhr fell: the iron and rail center of Krefeld (pop: 170,000) was only two and a half miles away.

The wide and deep Rhine was reached by the 83rd division at a point not immediately specified in the temporary lifting of a news blackout which has shrouded the Ninth Army's triumphs for three days.

Simpson's headquarters called the German 15th Army retreated a "snail."

On the Ninth Army's south flank, the American First Army fought with great and growing power less than five miles from Cologne, rubbled anew after dawn by a thousand British heavy bombers. Farther south, the Third Army fought in the venerable streets of Trier.

NEW DIVISIONS Numerous new divisions were identified in the Ninth Army assault lines, including the "hell of wheels" Second armored. Two other tank divisions were on the loose. Prisoners clogged cages the Ninth Army total yesterday rose 3,052 to 15,576 for the campaign which started west of the Roer river Feb. 23.

The wide and sweeping gains, most spectacular since the Britany breakthrough last summer which precipitated the capture of France, Belgium and Luxembourg, won control of the whole width of the plain between the Rhine and the Maas. In this plain is the sec-

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 6:00 p. m.—Semi-finals in county-wide basketball tournament begin at armory, continue through evening.

7:30 p. m.—Called communication of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. for work in third degree.

Lewis Will Be Mighty Czar If His Demands Are Met

WASHINGTON, March 2.—(AP)—Lewis dem.anded that the UMWA be paid a ten-cent royalty on every ton of coal mined as a "ready-to-serve" compensation for being "ready to serve." The money, he said, would be used for medical and surgical service, insurance and rehabilitation of union members.

NOT INFLATIONARY Since this money could not be used by the miners to buy "goods and chattels" it would not, Lewis contended, be inflationary. Therefore it would not conflict with the little steel wage formula.

Chief among them was a royalty pay plan that caught the operators flat-footed.

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REVENUE BILL GOES BACK ON FIRST READING

House Adopts Amendment Imposing Additional Tax On Wines

RALEIGH, March 2.—(P)—The \$129,000,000 revenue bill went back on first reading today after the house adopted an amendment by Stone of Rockingham imposing an additional tax of \$1 a gallon on all wines.

Tax experts estimated it would raise an additional \$2,000,000 a year. The present 20-cent tax raises about 200,000 a year.

Reps. Pritchett of Caldwell and Esards of Swain assisted Stone in fighting for the tax. Opposing it were Reps. Kerr of Warren, finance chairman, Caveness of Guilford and Zell of Rowan. The opponents said it would drive some of the small wine companies out of business.

The action came just a few minutes after Speaker Oscar Richardson ruled that an amendment adopted yesterday was a material change, and held that the bill had to go back to second reading.

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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. KEETER

Native Of County, Married 62 Years Ago, Large Family

Mrs. Leonora Jane Harry Keeter, wife of D. J. Keeter, died this morning at 8:50 o'clock at her home in Grover after a brief illness.

Funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Presbyterian church at Grover with interment taking place in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Keeter was born in Cleveland county and had spent her entire life in the county. She had been married 62 years last November. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist church of Grover, and had always been active in the support of the civic and religious enterprises of her community. She was the oldest member in point of service of her church at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Joe Wharton, of Greenwood, S. C.; Mrs. Ethel K. Jenkins, of York, S. C.; Mrs. Leonora K. Hamilton, of Clayton; Mrs. Charles Pearce, of Augusta, Ga.; two sons, Byron Keeter, of Kings Mountain, and Harry Keeter, of Grover. Eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.