

North Carolina—Fair and slightly warmer today, tonight and Tuesday.

— State Theatre Today —
"FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS"
Gary Cooper — Ingrid Bergman

80,000 GERMANS BELIEVED TRAPPED IN HOLLAND

Three-Fourths Of Vienna Flames With Battle As Reds Advance

Russians Within Mile Of Heart Of City; Reach Schoenbrunn Park

LONDON, April 9.—(P)—The flame of battle rolled over three fourths of Vienna today and the Germans said the Russians had fought into Schoenbrunn park, site of the summer palace of the Hapsburg monarchs, and also had reached Franz Josef railway station in the northern part of the city.

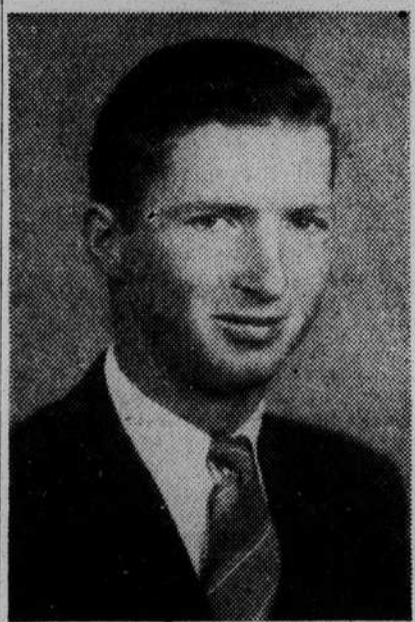
In the south the Russians were fighting within a mile of the ring, the circular street around the heart of the city, and in the north within 1-4 miles of the city's center. They were reported within 8 to 12 miles of closing the escape gap on the north side of the Danube.

Schoenbrunn park is west and southwest of three railway stations already seized by the Russians in the southern part of the city. Schoenbrunn palace rivals Versailles in its sumptuous plan.

The Germans said the Russians reached the Franz Josef railway station, depot controlling traffic northward out of the city, by advancing across the historic Kahlenberg, a mountain overlooking Vienna, on the northwest, and through the famed wine-growing suburb of Grinzing.

Just east of Grinzing, the Germans said, the Russians were attempting to storm across to the eastern bank of the Danube at Nuendorf, a suburb. Moscow dispatches said it was believed the Russians already had crossed farther out, in the vicinity of captured Klosterneuburg.

Other forces had stormed across



PVT. R. E. CLARY DIES IN ACTION

Pvt. Ralph E. Clary, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Clary of route 3, Shelby, who was previously reported missing, was killed in action on March 24, while fighting in Germany, according to a telegram received by his parents from the War Department. Pvt. Clary was wounded in the early part of January, but the wound was slight and he was soon returned to his company and was fighting somewhere in Germany when he was killed. Pvt. Clary entered the Army in December, 1943, and received his training at Fort Jackson before going overseas.

DR. W. A. SMART OPENS SERIES

Discusses Lesser Known Prophets Of The Old Testament

Dr. W. A. Smart, of Atlanta, Ga., conducting services this week at the Central Methodist church began a series of discussion this morning on the lesser known prophets of the Old Testament. He opened his discussions with a talk on the Book of Amos which he declared reached a high peak in the moral and religious progress of the day.

"Amos did more than any other prophet of his age to make religion moral," Dr. Smart declared.

Dr. Smart spoke twice at Central church yesterday. On yesterday morning he talked on "The Coming Kingdom of God," and at the evening hour spoke on "God, the source of all Goodness."

Dr. Smart will speak each morning and evening this week. In the morning the service will last from 10 to 10:45 o'clock and he will speak each evening at 8 o'clock.

Jap Columns In Honan Withdrawing

CHUNGKING, April 9.—(P)—Two Japanese columns were reported withdrawing into Honan province today after suffering setbacks at the hands of Chinese forces defending the Shensi border.

A Chinese communique said more than half of one column had been wiped out when it was surrounded in southwest Honan barely 30 miles from the Shensi frontier, and that Chinese forces were pursuing the remnants eastward.

The second Japanese column, striking toward Shensi from northwestern Honan, was reported routed after six hours fighting in which 400 of the invaders were slain. Chinese forces pursuing the withdrawing enemy were said to be near Japanese-held Chang-Suichen on the Lo river 70 miles from the Shensi border.

RAF Heavy Bombers Blast Submarine Base, Oil Plant

LONDON, April 9.—(P)—An armada of more than 900 RAF heavy bombers blasted the Blohm-Voss submarine yards at Hamburg and the Lutzendorf synthetic oil plant near Leipzig last night while fleet mosquitoes rocked Berlin with another dose of two-ton blockbusters.

The raids followed up sweeping assaults on Germany yesterday by more than 1,950 planes of the U. S. Eighth Air force, which bombed 11 targets between Berlin and Nuernberg without being challenged by the Luftwaffe.

Americans Meet First Reverses On Okinawa, Forced To Withdraw

GUAM, April 9.—(P)—Japanese charging with fixed bayonets in their first counterattack of the Okinawa campaign drove American troops off a dominating hill as tank-supported Yank infantrymen hammered at strongly defended caves and pillboxes beneath a developing artillery battle.

Nipponese poured out of caves and crags on Southern Okinawa when Japanese tanks, artillery and mortars began blasting at five U. S. tanks lumbering through a field studded with 500 pound bombs which had been converted into land mines. The Japanese shocked the tanks with Molotov cocktails and then charged Red Hill.

Three American tanks were lost. The Third battalion of the 184th regiment withdrew from the hill. Americans reformed last night, expecting strong opposition in their attempt to retake the hill.

Nipponese were strongly dug into crags, hills, ravines and caves on Southern Okinawa, 325 miles from Japan. Behind them was the largest concentration of artillery encountered in the Pacific campaign, with heavier guns than they've used heretofore. These batteries kept up a swelling, round-the-clock duel with superior U. S. artillery.

Lightly opposed Marines were swarming through northern Okinawa, cutting off Motobu Peninsula with its former enemy submarine and torpedo base at Unten.

Ground resistance was about all Japan had to offer in the way of a defense. Its mighty 45,000-ton, super-battleship Yamato and five lesser warships were sunk Saturday in a suicidal attempt to come to the infantry's rescue. In all, 300 enemy warplanes were destroyed.



LT. YARBROUGH AWARDS GIVEN TO SHELBY MEN

Silver, Bronze Stars To Lt. Yarborough (Deceased), Sgt. Bumgarner

In impressive ceremonies held at the homes of their respective parents here Sunday afternoon, two young men of Shelby, Lt. Raymond Earl Yarborough, 24, (deceased) and S/Sgt. Arbuth O. Bumgarner, 22, were cited for gallantry in action in the service of their country and were presented high awards by Col. Wilbur W. Fox of Camp Croft, S. C., on special orders by the President.

The Silver Star was awarded posthumously to Lt. Yarborough for courageous action in Italy and was



S/SGT. BUMGARNER received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Yarborough, of 409 West Graham st., S/Sgt. Bumgarner was presented the Bronze Star for exceptional and meritorious service behind the enemy's lines in France.

Lt. Yarborough was awarded the Silver Star posthumously by order of the President for "deeds and acts of valor in Italy on December 12, 1943," when he was killed in action. In presenting the medal to his parents, Col. Fox said, "This star in no wise atones for his loss and it would have been presented to him had he lived, at a special troop formation."

UNDER ENEMY FIRE
The citation read by Col. Fox was: "Under enemy fire, Lt. Yarborough secured prompt and effective support from his men during an attack on Hill 1205. He located an observation post, identified

Last Rail Link To Netherlands Cut By Americans

PARIS, April 9.—(P)—The allies, having exacted 500,000 casualties from the Germans in ten days, cut the last railway from western Holland today, trapping the bulk of 80,000 more Germans believed still in the Netherlands.

The American Ninth and British Second Armies fought within sight of the shelled and burning north German cities of Hannover and Bremen. They were within 50 miles of the Elbe river at Hamburg and 70 of the stream at Madgeburg. The Elbe is the last water barrier on the flat country leading to Berlin and flows within 50 miles of the capital.

Hannover and Bremen both were five miles from Allied infantry and tanks. An entry into both was imminent, although the Germans were fighting hard for Bremen, one of their greatest ports and shipbuilding centers.

Great and small cities and towns all over northern Germany burned mysteriously, even though Allied bombers stayed away from most. Flames were reported specifically in Hamburg, Hannover, Brunswick and Luebeck. Of these, Luebeck and Brunswick had not been raided recently.

Tanks bypassed both Bremen and Hannover, hopelessly outflanking both.

Ninth army troops stormed into the streets of the great Ruhr industrial cities of Essen (660,000), home of the Krupp Works; Dortmund (537,000) and Gelsenkirchen (313,000).

At least 38,600 prisoners were captured yesterday, 37,500 to Gen. Omar Bradley's four American armies in the center. Bradley's headquarters estimated German casualties at 50,000 a day for the past ten days.

To the south, the Seventh army capture of Crailsheim placed the Americans within 94 miles of Munich and 170 of Hitler's mountain fastness at Berchtesgaden.

CANADIANS ADVANCE
Canadians pushed eight miles northeast of Zwolle and made contact with Allied Airborne troops to west control of the north Holland communications. The junction was established close to the rail junction of Meppel, ten miles from the Zuider Zee. There the last rail line was snapped and the last rail bridge was blown. The Germans exploded dikes flooding 400 square miles.

At supreme headquarters, officers said up to 80,000 Germans

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U. S. Resumes Relations With Argentina Today

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(P)—The United States resumed "normal diplomatic relations" with Argentina at noon, eastern war time, today.

The action was announced by Secretary of State Stettinius who said it was taken in conjunction with the 19 other American republics represented at the recent inter-American Conference at Mexico City.

It follows a declaration of war by Argentina against Axis countries and her adherence to the resolutions adopted by the Mexico City Conference March 27 and other steps called for by the conference.

Stettinius declined to discuss whether Argentina would be invited or would ask for United Nations membership, whether that subject had been discussed with Soviet Russia which has been highly critical of this Argentine government or whether eventually Argentina would participate in the San Francisco Conference on an international organization.

SHARP CHANGE
The action today by the United States appeared to mark a sharp change from the policies followed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull who initiated non-recognition of the Buenos Aires regime of General Edelmir Farrell and in subsequent statements assailed the administration as pro-Fascist. Officials here described the action

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Grand Jury Indicts Lt. Epes For Murder

Indictment Charges Mary Lee Epes Came To Death By Poison And Suffocation; Buried Alive

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 9.—(P)—Lt. Samuel C. Epes, 29, member of a prominent Richmond, Va., family, was indicted by the Richland county grand jury today for the murder of his wife by "poison and suffocation."

NAZI TREASURE STORE SEIZED

U. S. Officers Making Inventory Of Gold, Works Of Art

MERKERS, GERMANY, April 9.—(P)—U. S. army officers toiled in the depths of a German salt mine 2,100 feet underground today to inventory a captured hoard of gold and money which a Reichsbank official said represented Germany's entire gold reserve.

More than 4,000 bags of gold bullion—each weighing 25 pounds and worth \$14,000—already had been counted, but there still were tons of treasure yet to be inventoried.

There were indications that the final total might exceed the \$100,000,000 estimate which Dr. Werner Vleck, Reichsbank director for the Erfurt district, placed on the value of the hoard.

The inventory was begun yesterday after U. S. Third army engineers under Lt. Jack McFarlane of Hollywood, Calif., had blasted a hole through the thick brick wall protecting the treasure.

Corridors leading to the main treasure room were lined with huge stacks of bags containing Reichsmarks and the money of various other countries, including American dollars.

In addition to the great monetary treasure hundreds of priceless works of art were found hidden in the mine. Dr. Paul Rave, curator of the German state museum and an assistant director of Berlin's National art galleries, said two-thirds of Germany's art treasures were cached there.

STUDENTS FLAG TRAIN TO SAVE SCHOOL BUS

Students of No. 3 high school acted with quick thought Saturday afternoon when they flagged a freight train which was approaching a crossing where a No. 3 high school bus had stalled on the tracks.

The train was held up about 30 minutes at the crossing near the Byers airport while the bus was pulled from the tracks. Miss Olene McSwain was driver of the school bus which had stalled astride the rails. Students on the bus realized that it was about time for a freight train to pass and they went up the track and flagged the train.

In the meantime, W. V. Reed, school bus mechanic who had been called to the wreck, turned his car over going to the scene of the stalled vehicle. He was uninjured and his car was not seriously damaged. The school bus suffered only slight damage.

Suzuki Calls In Hiranuma For Talks

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—(P)—Japan's new premier, 77-year-old Gen. Baron Kantaro Suzuki, went into a huddle over "important matters" today with a predecessor, Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, as Nippon found herself in an admitted "momentous crisis."

The meeting with Hiranuma, premier in 1939-40, was reported carried by Tokyo home radio and recorded by the federal communications commission as Suzuki formally assumed office. No elaboration on the conference was made.

THE WAR TODAY: Allies Continue To Meet Light Resistance In Reich

The Allied offensive out of the Rhineland continues its eastward sweep of encirclements and annihilation across the Reich without encountering signs of German opposition sufficiently well organized to halt it.

Here and there the Nazis are fighting fanatically, but these islands of resistance lack the cohesion to make them more than a locally effective. Field Marshal Kesselring—whom Hitler recently substituted for unlucky Field Marshal von Rundstedt as commander in chief in an effort to salvage some-

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