

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm today, tonight and Thursday, except cloudy with occasional light drizzle this morning over east portion.

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NINTH 100 MILES FROM BERLIN

BRITISH TAKE THREE TOWNS IN DRIVE IN ITALY

Encirclement Of Vienna Completed; Other Soviet Forces Invade Moravia

LONDON, April 11.—(AP)—Russian forces completed the encirclement of Vienna and with tommy-guns and grenades compressed the doomed Nazi garrison into the eastern one-tenth of the tottering Austrian capital, front dispatches to the Moscow press announced today.

These accounts also said that the right wing of Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's second Ukrainian army had invaded the central Czechoslovak province of Moravia at points less than 35 miles from the great city of Brno.

Farther north, the Germans said other Soviet forces, in an all-out assault to reduce the Oder river fortress of Breslau, had stormed into Richthofen square in that Silesian city.

Inside Vienna the rag-tag Nazi force, including schoolboys, pilots and sailors fighting as infantry, had been pushed back on an island against the Danube by Russian storm units sweeping forward in hand-to-

hand fighting. Complete elimination of this enemy holdout group appeared likely in a matter of hours.

Red army storm units now were operating in the three-mile long, half-mile wide crescent of land between the Danube river and the Danube canal—an area which includes the old Jewish quarter of Leopoldstadt and the Brigittenau and Prater commercial districts. Everything west and south of the canal had been mopped up by the Russians.

There was no indication that the Germans yet had blown the four See ENCIRCLEMENT Page 2

UNITS GAIN AT LEAST 7 MILES IN PO VALLEY

Bologna Still 30 Airline Miles Ahead; Fifth Army On Move

DEFENSES BREACHED

ROME, April 11.—(AP)—British Eighth Army troops, paced by flamethrowing tanks, have captured Lugo, Fusignano and Cotignola in the opening phase of their offensive across the Senio river on the eastern flank of the Italian front, Allied headquarters announced today.

Fall of these towns represented advances on a front of at least seven miles in the eastern Po valley astride the highway running from Ravenna to Bologna. Lugo lies a mile west of the Senio on the highway. Bologna is some 30 airline miles ahead.

In western Italy, American troops of the Fifth army cleared the enemy from the road hub of Massa and pushed on in the direction of La Spezia, major Italian naval base a dozen miles away.

"Our troops have breached enemy defenses on the river Senio on a broad front," an Allied communique said.

In the early hours of the new attack, Eighth army infantry moving up behind a heavy air bombardment, captured more than 1,200 Germans. Veteran New Zealanders took a prominent role in the assault.

The Eighth army also was on See UNITS Page 2



RESCUED WAR PRISONERS WALK FREE SOIL AGAIN—American soldiers, former prisoners of war in Germany, walk across the parade ground in Camp Myles Standish at Taunton, Mass., on their way to noon mess April 9 just after their arrival back in the United States. The men, many of whom were war prisoners for more than two years, were liberated by Russian troops driving toward Berlin. About 1,500 landed in nearby Boston the night before.—(AP Wirephoto).

DON GILLIAM MAY BE JUDGE

Appointment Expected This Week; Winborne Also Mentioned

By MARGARET KERNODLE WASHINGTON, April 11.—(AP)—It looks like Solicitor Don Gilliam of Tarboro will be the next U. S. district judge for Eastern North Carolina, succeeding Judge I. M. Meekins, who retired in February.

No one will talk officially, however, until Senators Josiah W. Bailey and Clyde R. Hoey get that call, for which they have been waiting several days, to confer again with Attorney General Francis Biddle. Senator Bailey said announcement of the Carolina lawyer President Roosevelt will nominate for the judgeship will follow this conference.

Running up for the post is understood to be Stanley Winborne, of Raleigh, preferred, it is reported, See DON GILLIAM Page 2



ERWIN W. CHAMPION

CHAMPION WINS SILVER STAR

Given Award For Gallantry In Action With Tank Unit In France

Cpl. Erwin W. Champion, husband of the former Miss Martha Roberts of Shelby, who has recently been promoted from private first class to his present grade, has been awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action while fighting in France with a tank battalion.

Cpl. Champion was in his tank when it was set on fire by an anti-tank shell fired by the Germans and two of his crew was killed. He and the surviving crew members remained in their vehicle to provide covering fire for the crew of another disabled tank to reach safety. Upon dismounting from his tank, Cpl. Champion and his comrades found enemy infantry entrenched in foxholes around the tank. Acting boldly and aggressively each of the three men took a gun from the enemy and routed others out of foxholes, capturing eighteen prisoners. Cpl. Champion's courage and coolness under fire saved the lives of five men and his action throughout the operation was in keeping with the H. K. Roberts.

WITOS SAID TO BE WITH REDS

Soviets Believed To Be Planning New Polish Coalition Set-Up

LONDON, April 11.—(AP)—The Polish exiled government said today Wincenty Witos, 70-year-old former premier, left his home in Krakow province with Soviet agents for an unannounced destination 12 days ago and had not been reported since.

The announcement raised speculation that Soviet Russia might be planning to sponsor independently a new Polish coalition government at Warsaw.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden informed commons that Prime Minister Churchill would deal with Russian-Polish relations and the three-power commission set up in Moscow to create a new national unity government for Poland in a speech in commons, probably on Thursday.

The fact that Churchill plans to speak suggested that the Allies may untangle the situation in time for Poland to be represented at the San Francisco conference.

The Polish government's announcement said Witos, three times premier and leader of the peasant party, went away with four Soviet agents, three dressed in civilian clothes and one in uniform, on March 31 and "since that time there has been no news at all about his whereabouts."

Super Concentration Camp Near Weimar

WITH THE U. S. 3rd ARMY ENROUTE TO WEIMAR, April 11.—(AP)—Reports of a super-concentration camp situated near Weimar, birthplace of the short-lived 1919 German republic, reached U. S. military government authorities today as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tanks drove toward the city.

Liberated foreign workers drifting back estimated that 500,000 were imprisoned there.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Sunday school officers and teachers of First Baptist church meet. 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian church. 7:45 p.m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service at First Baptist church. 8:00 p.m.—Revival service at Central Methodist church. THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.—Kiwanis club meets at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p.m.—C.A.P. members meet at armory. 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.—Revival services at Central Methodist church. 8:00 p.m.—Called meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. for work in third degree.

Essen Captured; Allies At Gates Of Brunswick

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, April 11.—(AP)—The Ninth Army advanced to a point less than 100 miles from Berlin today, captured Essen—largest city in the Ruhr—and crashed into the aircraft center of Brunswick on the high road to the German capital.

The swift moving First Army sped across the Thuringian plain south of the Harz mountains to an unspecified point 120 miles from the Russian lines in a supreme effort to cut Germany in two and bar access to the Alpine redoubts from the north.

Essen, a blackened ruin in which 659,174 persons lived before Hitler loosed his armies, is the home of the sprawling Krupp munitions and iron works. It is the birthplace of Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering and was the sixth largest city in Germany.

"The Ninth Army should reach the Elbe river shortly," AP Correspondent Robert Eunson reported from that front. The Elbe flows within 50 miles of Berlin and is the last water barrier before the capital.

Unconfirmed reports reaching Supreme Headquarters said Brunswick had fallen.

Airborne troops captured Essen. The 79th (Cross of Lorraine) division had fought into its debris-strewn streets two days ago. Essen was built atop one of the earth's largest coal deposits. American artillery shells started dropping in the city March 10, after the Ninth army reached the Rhine. The Krupp and other foundries worked day and night unless disrupted by the bombers which have attacked the city for nearly five years. The Krupp works, birthplace of German war material since the days of Bismarck, had been rebuilt seven times in this war, and they employed See ESSEN Page 2

2,150 U. S. Planes Hit Nazi Targets

Today's Mission Continues Biggest Airfield Wrecking Campaign In History

LONDON, April 11.—(AP)—Approximately 2,150 U. S. heavy bombers and fighters in a massive sweep across southern Germany attacked a string of Nazi airfields, railroad yards and oil and ammunition depots in the Nuernberg-Regensburg-Munich area today in a continuation of the biggest airfield wrecking campaign in history.

Fighters were high and low seeking German planes—almost 800 of which have been destroyed the last four days.

Among the targets of the bombers were large airfields at Ingolstadt north of Munich and Obertraubling near Regensburg, the Kraiburg explosives plant near Muhlendorf, oil storage depots at Frelham and Regensburg, the Landshut ordnance depot and freight yards northeast of Munich and at Neumarkt, Ingolstadt, Donauworth and Augsburg.

During the past four days a total of 63 German airdromes have been beaten up and 798 Nazi planes have been destroyed in the air or on the ground. Germany's once-feared Luft-

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Red Cross Gift

A Red Cross donation of \$316 has been made by the Patterson Springs church. It was announced today. The congregation of this church contributed this amount several weeks ago but the donation is just now being recorded.

ATTITUDES CHANGE AFTER:

Allies Take Nazi Citizens To See Horrors At Death Camp

By ALVIN STEINKOFF OHRDRUF, Germany, April 11.—(AP)—Col. Hayden A. Searl, whose armored forces discovered the scenes of horror at the Ohrdruf concentration camp, thought it would be a good idea for the German citizens of this town to see what SS (Elite guard) brutality had done in their midst. The Chestnut Hill, Mass., officer rounded up 40 leading citizens for a tour of the camp, where several hundred bodies of slain foreign workers are still in evidence. They saw bodies sprawling in the open space between the barracks, piled like timber in one building, and heaped in a tangled mass in a wide pit in still another place where apparently some effort had been made to burn them. At first the Germans expressed disbelief, insisting "the SS isn't like that." Later they voiced disgust, with one doctor saying "It's the work of beasts." The next morning the Nazi mayor of Ohrdruf and his wife were found hanged. The army said it See ALLIES Page 2

Coal Miners Gain Broad Concessions

Government Takes Over 235 Strike-Closed Pits In Seven States; Basic Daily Pay Increase

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(AP)—Wage negotiations wound up six weeks of contract talks with broad concessions to bituminous miners today even as the government took over 235 strike-closed pits in seven states.

Last night's presidential seizure order came hours before announcement of agreement of a contract to supplant the one which expired March 31. Reportedly the operators acceded to a basic daily wage of \$10 for inside miners now receiving \$8.50 after United Mines Worker President John L. Lewis abandoned his 10-cent-a-ton royalty.

Already, Interior Secretary Ickes had stepped into his fourth wartime role as mine operating ordering the American flag flown over every tittle made idle by a 10-day series of wildcat strikes that cut deep into steel production. The number seized, however, was fewer than seven per cent of the nation's 3,478 soft coal mines, most of which have continued operations.

The break in the long-stalemated contract talks came hours after dark with an announcement from conference chairman Ezra Van Horn, an operator, that an agreement had been reached. He said only that the miner-operator conference would meet at 3:30 p.m. (EWT) today to approve the agreement.

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MATHESON TO DIE APRIL 27

Supreme Court Upholds Conviction Of Former County Boy

Marvin L. Matheson, 16-year-old boy who formerly lived in Cleveland county and was a client of the local welfare department, will die in the state's gas chamber April 27 for the slaying of Police Chief D. A. Millsaps, of Taylorsville, last summer as a result of a Supreme court decision today which held there was no error in his conviction of first degree murder in the Alexander county Superior court last August.

Matheson allegedly shot the police chief in the lobby of a Taylorsville hotel last July 9.

According to the Supreme court record, Matheson, who spent two years in the Jackson Training school for larceny of \$10, quit this job in Covover last July 7, and stole two pistols from his employer. He also allegedly stole a suit and a wallet containing \$5 from a fellow employe.

Upon his arrival in Taylorsville by bus, the youth was questioned by a police officer, but gave another name. The next day, Chief Millsaps asked Matheson to accompany him to the police station for further questioning. When they reached the lobby, Matheson allegedly pulled a pistol from his coat, shot the officer and fled.

Dr. Pettigrew Named Vice President Of Mission Board

RICHMOND, VA., April 11.—(AP)—Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of the Citadel Square Baptist church at Charleston, S. C., was elected first vice-president of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention last night.

He succeeds Dr. Ryland Knight, Pulaski, Va., who resigned the post Jan. 1.

DOVER RITES TO BE TODAY

Beloved Maiden Lady Succumbs To Illness Of 20 Months

Miss Margaret Dover, age 73, died last night at the home of her brother, George Dover, at 851 West Warren street with whom she made her home and while she had been sick for twenty months, most of the time confined to her bed.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at five o'clock from the Dover residence with the Rev. D. F. Putnam in charge, assisted by the Rev. W. G. Camp. Interment will follow in Sunset cemetery.

Miss Dover was a faithful member of Bethel Baptist church and a very earnest and consecrated Christian. Nieces will serve as flower bearers and the following nephews will be active pallbearers: H. C. Wilson, Clyde Dover, Ralph Dover, Maurice Weathers, Will Allen, and Rune Swanson.

Miss Dover was one of six children of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas Dover and is the first of the children to die. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Miss Nora Dover of Shelby, three brothers, George Dover of Shelby, John A. Dover of Grover and James R. Dover of Patterson Springs.

Report Current That Hitler Assassinated

LONDON, April 11.—(AP)—A report that Adolf Hitler has been assassinated circulated in Britain today, but Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said he had heard nothing of it.

Capt. John H. McEwen raised the question of the rumor in commons, declaring he had heard the foreign office was "directly responsible" for it and asking for confirmation.

Eden replied "as usual the 1922 committee knows information before the foreign office." The 1922 committee, of which McEwen is secretary, is the extreme right wing faction of the conservative party.

Holt McPherson On Leave Will Be OWMR Consultant

Holt McPherson, managing editor of The Star, is in Washington on temporary leave from The Star to do special work as a consultant for the office of war mobilization and reconversion in its advisory board office.

During his absence Mr. McPherson's duties on the paper are being carried by Lee B. Weathers, publisher. His column, "Behind the Front Page," an editorial page daily feature, will be discontinued in his absence but will be resumed upon his return to his duties here when his special work with the office of war mobilization and reconversion is completed.

Mr. McPherson's course in journalism he teaches at Gardner-Webb will be completed with lectures by Lindsay E. Dail, Pat McBrayer, John W. Cannon, Miss Sara Newton and Lee B. Weathers. His work as editor of the Rotary club's weekly bulletin will be handled by Dale Stentz, while Rev. Paul Hardin, jr., has taken over his duties as chairman of the program committee of the Rotary club.

Sulu Archipelago Now Completely In U. S. Hands

MANILA, April 11.—(AP)—Complete control of the Sulu Archipelago, which stretches between Mindanao and Borneo, was proclaimed today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Forty-first division doughboys invaded the key island of Jolo on Monday and quickly captured the capital city and its airdromes.

MacArthur also announced the liberation of perhaps thousands of ill-fated lepers from the Cullion colony of the West-Central Philippines and reported the end of organized resistance on Southern Luzon, where thousands of crack enemy troops are trapped. Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's veteran 41st division, which captured the big harbor of Tawitawi in the Sulu chain April 2, swept ashore at the Jolo City waterfront, on the 20-mile-long island's north coast. Another force landed four miles northeast of the capital. OPPOSITION LIGHT Opposition was negligible so the Yankees drove eight miles inland. See SULU Page 2

JAP GARRISON WIPED OUT:

Tsugen Islet Off Okinawa Is Overrun By Americans

GUAM, April 11.—(AP)—Tenth army infantrymen overran Tsugen islet off Okinawa's big Nakagusuku harbor today while Japanese on the main island expended more troops in repeated heavy counterattacks which were costing them heavily.

Twenty-fourth corps doughboys who landed at Tsugen against only light opposition yesterday killed off the entire garrison of 150 troops. Pre-invasion naval shelling knocked out most of the enemy's artillery, mortars and machine-

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