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British Sweep On Past Gables

RAF Attacks Berlin and Ruhr Valley

33 Bombers Are Missing From Raid

Attack on Berlin Is 60th of War And Second Assault Within Three Nights

Stockholm, March 30—(AP)—The Berlin correspondent of a major Swedish newspaper said that the first reaction among German spokesmen to last night's British raid on the German capital was that "possibly this air offensive marks the beginning of the invasion of the European continent."

These spokesmen were quoted as saying: "We have no illusions any more about sleeping undisturbed."

London, March 30—(AP)—The RAF attacked Berlin and war plants in the Ruhr valley last night with a loss of 33 bombers, the air ministry announced today.

Sweeping over the Nazi capital for the second time in three nights, the British fliers inflicted heavy damage and lost 21 bombers, while another twelve were missing from the sweep over the Ruhr, the communiqué said.

It was the 60th raid of the war on Berlin. Saturday night the RAF exploded 600 tons of bombs in the greatest raid of the war on the Nazi capital, during which nine bombers were lost.

It was the seventh air attack on Berlin this year.

Berlin, an important iron, tin and coal center in the Ruhr, is 70 miles east of Essen, now under the German fist.

Last night's losses were the highest the RAF has suffered in a standard bomber raid since 1941, that when 29 bombers failed to return from a raid on the Ruhr.

Observers concluded that last night's assault either was made by a much larger force of bombers than usual or that the defenses of the city had been strengthened greatly.

Several are injured in train derailment.

Caldwren, Pa., March 29—(AP)—While passing through this northwestern Pennsylvania town at high speed, the locomotive and seven cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Northern Express derailed today and injured a number of persons.

E. B. Davy, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania's northern division, said at his Buffalo, N. Y., office it was not definitely known how many were injured, but a conductor reported he didn't think any were severely injured.

Soldier Makes Wartime Call On Governor

Raleigh, March 30—(AP)—There's one soldier stationed at Seymour Johnson field at Goldsboro who'd heard of the wartime powers granted Governor Johnston by the legislature.

The soldier was in Raleigh last night. His father arrived by plane from New York. She wanted to get married on the spot and fly back today.

The soldier was familiar with the State's marriage laws, but he'd heard that the governor had been given the power to act in an emergency concerning the welfare and happiness of the people of the state.

He called the executive mansion about 11 p.m. He wanted a marriage license and he wanted the governor to see that he got it.

"This is an emergency," he said. "He was referred to the Wake county register of deeds, but the spokesman at the mansion couldn't say how the situation turned out."



WHEN U. S. TROOPS ENTERED MAKNASSY, TUNISIA

ONE OF THE FIRST ACTION PICTURES to be received from the Maknassy, Tunisia sector shows American soldiers passing the railroad station of the central Tunisian town of Maknassy. They had just completed the job of giving Rommel's men a trouncing at Kasserine Pass. In this drive, the northernmost of a two-pronged thrust into enemy territory, U. S. forces captured El Guettar. OWI Radiophoto. (International)

Planes Fire Jap Vessel

Fighters Attack Japanese Destroyer At Low Level; All Planes Return Safely

Washington, March 29—(AP)—American fighter planes, attacking at such low altitudes that one craft lost a three-foot section of its wing against a mast, strafed and set afire a destroyer in the northwestern Solomon Islands on Monday, the Navy reported today.

The damaged plane and all others in the operation returned safely. They were credited with getting effective to seven Japanese planes in addition to the damage inflicted on the destroyer.

The communiqué made no mention of operations in the Aleutians, where, according to Navy announcements Sunday, an American task force had discovered and destroyed at least temporarily a Japanese force intent upon delivering supplies to the island of Kiska.

Naval spokesmen said they had further information as to whether the American force had been successful in pressing an attack against the Jap ships.

Some Stocks Show Strength

New York, March 30—(AP)—Selective strength persisted in today's stock market. Bonds were cloudy, commodity prices steady.

Stocks giving a good account of themselves included Goodyear, Montgomery Ward, Standard Oil of N. J., and General Motors. Shipping tendencies were shown by U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, United Aircraft and International Harvester.

Cotton Futures Up at Noon

New York, March 30—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 30 cents a bale higher.

Noon values were 25 to 45 cents a bale higher. May 20.37, July 20.19 and October 20.00.

	Close	Open
May	20.23	20.14
July	20.14	20.14
October	19.94	19.90
December	19.90	19.91
March	19.84	19.86

English Coast Is Restricted

London, March 30—(AP)—Anticipating the possible "use of this country as a base for offensive operations," Herbert Morrison, home secretary and minister of home security, announced in the house of commons today that the whole east and south coasts to a depth of ten miles inland would become a restricted area on Thursday, April 1.

American announced no general prohibition against visiting in this area, but he said "access to particular places might be from time to time either restricted or completely barred without previous notice by the military authority for military purposes."

Copper Mine Strike Voted

Salt Lake City, March 30—(AP)—The Independent Association of Mill Workers prepared today for a walk-out at an undisclosed time. It said it had approximately a fourth of America's copper production.

An association of mill owners, employed in Utah Copper Co. mines at nearby Magna and Arthur, voted 977 to 119 to strike in protest against a year-long board refusal to consider a wage increase request. W. Reed Ostrom, association president, explained:

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Slowly rising temperature this afternoon and tonight.

Cordon Surrounds Shanty Where Preacher is Hiding

Lexington, Ky., March 30—(AP)—A cordon of Fayette county police and members of the Lexington Rifles of the Kentucky militia today surrounded a shanty in which a fugitive preacher, Frank Hopkins, 45, had fled to his shanty and barricaded himself and his family after a gun duel in which tractor and land owner, was killed. Andrew G. Pierson, Lexington constable, said in the shanty with Hopkins are his wife and four children aged two, four, eight and eleven. A fifth child was apprehended as she carried a pot of whiskey and an asparagus toward the family home. She told police her father had sent her,

adding: "Father has lots of guns."

Dr. J. Archer Gray, a non-denominational Lexington preacher, the only person to talk with Hopkins since the shooting, told Chief McCord that the barricaded man was adamant in his refusal to surrender. Dr. Gray quoted Hopkins as saying: "Jesus died, didn't he? Why can't we?"

Dr. Gray said Hopkins told him he was wounded in the right chest but that his wife had removed the bullet with a butcher knife.

J. L. Green, a tenant farmer for Pierson, told Chief McCord that Hopkins and Pierson engaged in a battle early yesterday in a ring after Hopkins shouted at Pierson, "there you are and I am coming a and kill you."

Thous-nds of persons milled around the scene during the night. Police were reluctant to fire on the shanty up to turn tear gas on it because of the possibility of injuring the children.

Pay-As-Go Tax Battle Nears Vote

House Still Split Into Three Factions; Land Renomination Stirs Senate Fight

Washington, March 30—(AP)—Pay-as-you-go taxes and the reappointment of Rear Admiral Emory S. Land as maritime commission chairman were two issues slated for finish today, while post-war and labor legislation commanded the off-stage attention on Capitol Hill.

Meanwhile, from the office of war information came the report that the Nazi party had sold out the middle class German business men to the "Nazi-controlled trusts, monopolies and giant combines."

OWI charged that the Nazi regime had violated its promise to the German people for the "creation and maintenance of a healthy middle class"—a promise promulgated in 1920 as a cardinal point of the Nazi program and declared by Hitler then to be unbreakable. It said that innumerable small businesses were being forced to close down.

The interests of some 44,000,000 American taxpayers concentrated on the House of Representatives were the possibility of an indefinite deadlock over stimulus as the lawmakers made ready to vote on pay-as-you-go legislation.

The close of four days of heated debate saw the chamber still split in three stubborn factions: (1) Rural plan advocates of abating a 100-cent tax, most of whom are Republicans, (2) supporters of the ways and means committee plan providing no abatement, principally Democrats and (3) a bipartisan bloc seeking a compromise cancelling part of one tax year.

The other main battle of the day developed over Senate confirmation of President Roosevelt's reappointment of Land with the opposition led by a bloc which seeks a sharp curbing and curbing of the charge by the committee general of management of millions of dollars in public funds by the commission. When Land's personal integrity has not been questioned, those senators opposing immediate confirmation of his reappointment contended any planned investigation of the commission should be conducted before action is taken on his case.

Behind the legislative scene, a deal pending for passage of some of the budget later in the year, and a proposal to have been temporarily passed by an overwhelming vote of the committee in the Senate in the interim. An additional bill to amend the United Mine Workers of America.

Wallace Wade To Butner

Durham, March 30—Lieutenant Colonel Wallace Wade, formerly director of athletics and head coach of football at Duke University, will be transferred to Camp Butner, attached to an artillery unit, it was learned last night.

Just what particular outfit Colonel Wade will be attached to was not determined last night. However, the former Duke athlete figure will be at Camp Butner early in May.

From the fall of 1931 through the football season of 1941, Coach Wade served Duke in the capacity of director of athletics and head football coach. A captain in World War No. 1, Coach Wade was inducted into service as an officer in the 1st Cavalry in the Spring of 1942. He was sent to Fort Bragg several months and later served a course of the Western Division of the Army football team.

At the close of the service football ball season, Coach Wade returned to Fort Bragg where he remained until a few weeks ago, when he was sent to Fort Sill, Okla., to attend an instruction in artillery tactics.

U. N. Fliers Punish Japs

Fires Are Started In Raids Extending Over Wide Territory Of Pacific Theatre

Allied Headquarters in Australia, March 30—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's bombers rained out again yesterday to punish Japanese positions in New Guinea and New Britain and to strike at enemy concentrations on Australia's northwestern flank.

Fires visible for 15 miles were started in a low level bombing and machine gunning attack on Tadi, in the Kai Islands, and the villages of Longtong and Wabon also were machine gunned, headquarters said today.

In New Britain, airbases at Gasmata and Cape Gooden were bombed and in New Guinea, airbases at Madang, the town area and shore installations at Lae, and the coastal between Finschhafen and Madang were strafed and machine gunned, a communiqué announced today.

Japanese bases, communications, trucks, and more at Oro Bay, New Britain, six bombers caused slight damage but no casualties in a half-hour night raid, it was said.

Vegetable Prices Fixed

Atlanta, March 30—(AP)—The national office of price administration effective tomorrow will fix prices for cabbage, snap beans, and green peas for the purpose of "protecting consumers from present control of the vegetable market by other markets, where prices are higher."

The OPA announcement also prices at levels for all vegetables, including potatoes, which will be based on markets from the following "country shippers' prices":

Cabbage, 80¢ per hundred weight (5.35 cents per pound).

Snap beans, 85¢ per bushel (21.25 cents per pound).

Peas, 84¢ per bushel (14.2 cents per pound).

PAROLES ARE GIVEN TO 15 PRISONERS

Raleigh, March 30—(AP)—Carl Clark, convicted in Robeson county in August, 1932, of second degree murder and sentenced to 20 years in jail, was paroled today by Governor Bragg.

Also paroled was Ted Terrell, convicted in Wake county in October, 1936, of second degree murder and sentenced to 20 years in jail.

El Guettar's Captor



COMMANDER of the U. S. First Division, Major Gen. Terry Allen who led his men across the Tunisian desert, capturing El Guettar, is shown surveying the battlefield. Many Italians were taken prisoners. O.W.I. Radiophoto. (International)

Axis Forces In Headlong Flight North

Port of Gables Falls Less Than 24 Hours After Full Collapse Of Mareth Line

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, March 30—(AP)—A junction between the British eighth army and the American forces of Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr., appeared imminent today as the British stormed through Gables and El Hamma in pursuit of the fleeing Afrika Korps.

(By The Associated Press)

General Sir H. L. Montgomery's victorious British eighth army was officially reported to have swept through Gables today in a 20-mile advance from the Mareth line, both pursuing Marschal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps in headlong flight toward the north.

Prime Minister Churchill announced the fall of Gables, within 24 hours after it was disclosed that the British eighth army had smashed through the Mareth fortifications, and declared:

"We have every reason to be satisfied with the progress already made by our superior forces and superior and resolute commanders."

A communiqué from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters said the eighth army captured both Gables and El Hamma, 20 miles to the west, and said prisoners seized by the attacking allies now totaled 8,000.

In the north, Lieutenant General Anderson's British sixth army struck across difficult mountain country in such advance against the Axis, capturing in one day 700 prisoners in the Borek-Tamis area, the communiqué said.

American troops under Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr., were also reported advancing eastward from El Guettar, thrusting toward the sea after beating off Axis counter attacks.

A Moroccan broadcast said American and French forces were continuing the fall of enemy air field at El Hamma, and following this part of the coast, while another U. S. column, driving across the coast from Madagasc, made new gains in the direction of Sfax.

Prime Minister Churchill praised the "very big successful advance of American forces" and said Rommel would be forced to abandon his men and equipment.

"The progress of British in particular was remarkably marked and excellent," he said.

Churchill said El Hamma fell to a British tank column which last night.

"New Zealand troops have already captured both Gables," the prime minister said in a radio broadcast today.

Yellow dust storms masked Rommel's flight toward the 15-mile wide Gables, "escape gaps" under the guns of allied warships, which were reported to have shelled Gables and hastened Rommel's withdrawal from that key Gulf port.

Since the British houses last week of the week, the British has turned the tide of the war. Churchill said in a radio broadcast today.

Behind him, Rommel left at least 1,000 prisoners and hundreds of dead in the battlefield, while ahead of him a British tank column moved on the narrow coastal corridor to join other British forces in the north.

On the Italian front, the Soviet command introduced today that the Red armies and shipped into three more villages and driven a new wedge into the German defenses on the Italian front, capturing 700 Soviet tanks and heavy base 20 miles west of Moscow.

The whole campaign appeared to have slowed down as a result of the spring thaw.

NAZIS TO SERBIA

Antwar, March 30—(AP)—Extensive battles between Yugoslav Partisans and German forces and the arrival of fresh German troops in well-made were reported today in well-outfitted Balkan quarters.

In Northern Serbia guerrillas were said to have destroyed a railway bridge near Kragujevac. In Southern Serbia Partisans were reported battling along a 35-mile line between Nish and Pirot against German and Bulgarian resistance.