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# Pounding Of Berlin Continues

### WHALES LITTER SOUTH CAROLINA SHORE



Sixty-five whales measuring from six to twenty-two feet and averaging 700 pounds each stretch along the shore of Bull's Island, twenty-five miles from Charleston, S. C., after they were left high and dry when the tide went out. Lt. Edsen S. Lott, U. S. C. G., captain of the port of Charleston, examines the sea giants. (International Soundphoto)

## Terrific Offensives Are Near

### Solon Says TVA Unfair In Charges

#### McKellar Alleges Discrimination in Rates to Industry

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—Voting Chairman McKellar, Tennessee Democrat, of the Senate Appropriations Committee, leveled a broad attack against the administration of the Tennessee Valley Authority today, charging the giant government-owned agency with an "outrageous" discrimination in electrical rates and with various expenditures unauthorized by Congress.

The charges were set forth in a detailed record of hearings on the \$2,000,000,000 independent office appropriation bill, to which McKellar is advocating an amendment that would prohibit congressional control over TVA funds.

The rate discrimination allegation, which the record reveals McKellar cited to President Roosevelt last December, concerns rates charging the Aluminum Company of America and a competing firm, the Reynolds Metal Company, of Richmond, Va. Specific complaint by McKellar was that TVA rates are "unauthorized expenditures" which TVA chairman David A. Lilienthal told the committee were valid under the statute creating the Authority, which included \$903,397 for cost improvement experiments, \$236,234 for technical help, and \$1,000,000 for independent audits of TVA accounts and smaller sums for flow relief in local communities.

### U. S. Fighters Crush Japs By Attacks

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, March 9.—(AP)—American fighting men on three invasion fronts around the Bougainville coast crushed Japanese opposition in New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands, and are holding against strong enemy counter attacks in New Britain, General Douglas MacArthur's command reported today.

Japanese troops aboard a small barge fleet dismally failed to dent the first cavalry division's position north of Alomote airfield, on Los Negros at night in the Admiralties, Tuesday night. Not one barge reached shore against the hot fire of the Americans.

Marine invaders of Williams Peninsula, on the north New Britain coast, had consolidated their holdings and were slugging it out Monday night with counter attacking Japanese, who had recovered from the surprise of the almost unopposed landing the morning of that day.

Thirty-second division troops have seized complete control of the northeastern New Guinea coast

#### To Dwarf Anything Seen as Yet, Knox Tells House Group

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—Navy Secretary Knox said today that the Allies are "on the threshold of critical" offensives against the Axis, which will dwarf all previous thrusts.

Those, said Knox, this is the time for Congress to assure the partners of the United States that the final blow will be struck. That can be done, he told the House Foreign Affairs Committee by continuing the lend-lease act which expires June 30. A three-year extension is being sought.

Appearing as the final witness at the committee hearings, Knox said, "we are just now approaching the crest" and if it had not been for lend-lease we would not be approaching the decisive battles.

"It was your work which enabled the United Nations forces to carry forward to success the greatest amphibious operations ever conducted in any war," he said, "and I can promise without revealing any military secrets that these combined operations will seem small when offensives now being planned take place."

### 16 More Jap Ships Sunk By U. S. Subs

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—American submarines have sunk sixteen more Japanese ships in enemy controlled waters.

The big bag announced today by the Navy included one large tanker, which could have been loaded with badly needed fuel for enemy bases. The toll brought to 627 the number of Japanese ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged by submarine action alone.

Sinkings by other means—airplanes and warships—boosted the total damage to Japanese shipping to 1,862 enemy vessels of all types.

Pursuant to policy, the Navy communiqué announcing the latest sinkings did not report the areas in which the submarines operated. However, our submarines are known to have been operating along the coastal waters of Japan itself.

Within 35 miles of Saipan in their drive for the enemy base at Marburg, now 23 airline miles away. The Americans after popping ashore behind the Japanese at Yaku March 5, struck at Mindor and captured much abandoned enemy equipment.

### House Backs Compulsory Service Idea

#### Leaders Support Postwar Program On Permanent Army

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—Influential bi-partisan backing assured clear sailing today for legislation to set up a special House committee to develop for this country a postwar military policy founded on the principle of compulsory military training.

Representative Wadsworth, New York Republican, author of the legislation, said it had the support of Speaker Sam Rayburn, Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts, Chairman May, Kentucky, of the military committee, and Chairman Vinson, Georgia Democrat, of the naval committee.

Resigning House approval only, the resolution would set up a 21-man committee appointed by the speaker. Subjects likely to be considered by the committee were listed by Wadsworth as:

Whether there should be a unified command of all arms of the fighting forces.

How large a standing army and how big a navy should be kept in time of peace.

To what extent outlying fortifications should be maintained.

### CHURCHILL THINKS FOE'S NAVY SHOULD WAIT UNTIL PEACE

London, March 9.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill said today that disposition of "enemy or ex-enemy" fleets had best be left until the end of the war, but confirmed President Roosevelt's announcement that consideration was being given to reinforcements of the Soviet Navy by Italian or other warships.

Answering a flood of questions, some of which asked if such announcements should not be made in concert by London and Washington in the future, Churchill indicated to the House of Commons that the Italian warships still were being operated by the Italians under the old arrangements.

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## Finns Fear Russian Terms Germans In Finland Might Rise

#### Moscow Informed Finns Are Willing To Most of Terms

London, March 9.—(AP)—Soviet demands that Finland withdraw her troops to the 1940 Russian-Finnish border and intern all German troops now in Finland appeared today to be the chief stumbling block barring the path to peace between the two nations.

British press dispatches from Stockholm last night said the Finns had advised Moscow that they were ready to accept most of the conditions imposed by the Russians as a prerequisite to further peace negotiations, but that they could not agree to those two demands.

The Finnish note, however, was described as conciliatory and apparently left the door open for further exchanges.

The Finns were said to have taken the stand that compliance with the demands to which they took exception probably would result in a revolt from Finnish pro-German elements and action by German troops themselves, leading to hostilities within Finland between the Finns and Germans.

On the other hand, it was said, the Finns explained that if negotiations were pressed to a satisfactory conclusion and a peace treaty were signed, it would be possible to ease the German troops from Finland and withdraw Finnish troops to the old border without difficulty. It is estimated there are seven divisions of Germans in Finland.

### GERMANS LOSE OUT IN CONVOY ATTACK IN MEDITERRANEAN

Algiers, March 9.—(AP)—A strong force of German flyers attacked an Allied convoy off the coast of North Africa, it was announced today, but Allied fighters knocked down five fighters and damaged two others.

Algiers was alerted and a heavy anti-aircraft barrage was cast up. An Allied spokesman said about 60 German planes took part in the attack but failed to damage any of the convoy ships. Two Allied planes were lost.

### Britain May Boost Tito

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—Signs that the British government is about to back Marshal Tito with diplomatic as well as military support multiplied here today with the disclosure that King Peter of Yugoslavia is expected to go to London soon.

Responsible sources said the Allies have gone as far as they can in sending Tito military and without prejudicing their relations with the Yugoslav government in exile, to ward which the partisan leader has declared his loyalty.

The government in exile, now in Cairo, is headed by Premier Bogdan Puric and its war minister is General Draga Mihailovic, leader of the main Serbian forces in Yugoslavia.

There are Anglo-American negotiations with both factions under General Sir Matthew Wilson, Allied commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean.

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### WANTS TO HEAD 'HOME MARCH'

BESSARABIA, homeland of the great Red General S. K. Timoshenko, is just ahead of the giant Russian drive which, as the map shows, has cut the vitally important Odessa-Lwow rail line and goes plunging toward Rumania. Timoshenko was a poor farm boy in Furmanok, a tiny village in the Alderman district of Bessarabia. As the Soviet troops came closer, he was reported to have asked Premier Stalin if he could not lead the victorious Russians back into his homeland in the "home boy makes good" fashion of the American tales. The above photograph shows Timoshenko the last time he went home—late in 1940—and he is being greeted by his brother Evim and many of the villagers. Stalin is expected to agree to his request. Arrow points to Cernaviti, where the Nazis may make their next stand. (International)

### Russians Seek Grip On 40-Mile Stretch Of Nazi Rail Lines

London, March 9.—(AP)—Marshal Zhukov's Red army troops drove forward through the deep sticky mud of the south western Ukraine today toward the important junction of Proskurov, capture of which would give the Russians a firm grip on a forty-mile stretch of the Odessa-Warsaw trunk railway between Troskurov and Volochek.

A Soviet communiqué announced that Russian forces already had captured Chernostov, only seven miles northwest of Proskurov, and in a furious battle was racing toward Staro-Konstantinovo, which was described as a vital German base 25 miles to the north.

Failure of the Germans to hold Proskurov, it was pointed out, would force them to fall back on a crucial rail line running from Lwow to Cernaviti, Rumania, thence back to the Odessa-Warsaw line at Zimorinka if they hoped to maintain contact with the partly isolated German forces in the lower Dniester bend.

Capture of Chernostov was followed by the storming of Grumestovo four miles further east and only seven from Proskurov, the Moscow bulletin said. This cut off the escape corridor for the German fighting in the Staro-Konstantinovo area to a 26-mile long gap between Grumestovo and Vlodzysk.

### WELSH COAL MINE STRIKE TAKES ON ALARMING ASPECT

London, March 9.—(AP)—The Welsh coal strike assumed more alarming proportions today when a fresh wave of wildcat miners' pickets multiplied here today with the disclosure that King Peter of Yugoslavia is expected to go to London soon.

A total of 145 mines now are idle as a result of the wage disputes, which is depriving Britain's war industries of sorely needed fuel and threatening to cripple the transportation system.

The strike spread this morning to the Swansea anthracite district when 14 pits closed there.

The new walkout dealt a severe blow to optimism engendered late yesterday when it appeared that one of the chief obstacles to settlement of the dispute was removed at a conference of miners and operators presided over by Fuel Minister Lloyd George.

### DEFENSE INSANITY PLEA IN WUCHERER SLAYING DISPUTED

Northtown, Penn., March 9.—(AP)—The Commonwealth sought today to disprove defense claims that slayed 41-year-old Helen M. Wucherer was temporarily insane from jealousy when she shot and fatally wounded her "model husband" last October 31.

Besides calling psychiatrists to testify, Assistant District Attorney David E. Grosens introduced a let-

## Four-Engine Big Bombers Hit Capital

### 125 Nazi Fighters Knocked Out During Wednesday Attack

London, March 9.—(AP)—Berlin was attacked again today—for the fourth time in six days—by heavy bombers of the United States Eighth Air Force. It was the second day in a row that the Fortresses and Liberators had hit the German capital, first attacked by the American forces last Saturday, and again set afire Monday.

Today's attack demonstrated the amazing reserve strength in equipment and the eagerness of Eighth Air Force crews.

In smashing furiously and continuously at the capital, the American forces have followed the pattern proved successful in earlier operations against Germany. Instead of spacing the raids over long periods and giving Hitler's air force a chance to rest and reorganize, they have poured a continuous stream of bombs against the capital within five days.

Experts here believe that Germany's air force, severely weakened by the heavy bombing, is unable to consistently meet the challenge.

London, March 9.—(AP)—Waves of Allied planes, beating at Hitler's Europe in another of their almost daily invasions, roared across the channel today in swift sequence to yesterday's mighty American blasting of Berlin.

Although low hanging clouds obscured the identity of the forces, they apparently were four-engine bombers headed for Germany. The swift fading of German-controlled radio stations hinted at the fourth big American strike since Saturday.

Yesterday's operation, involving from 850 to 1,000 bombers, meanwhile, was disclosed to have taken a toll of 123 planes of the enemy's determined fighter forces.

Forty-two of these were shot down by bombers and 83 by fighters.

This tally brought to 301 the number of enemy planes accounted for in two great sallies against the German capital Monday and Wednesday.

Thirty-eight big American bombers were lost, compared with 68 on Monday, while fighter losses totaled 15 instead of the 16 as first reported yesterday. Eleven fighters were lost Monday.

The German high command, in its communique today, admitted that damage was suffered from the attack, but asserted 112 Allied aircraft, including 66 four-engine bombers, were brought down.

"For very strong fighter escorts defeated them again," a United States communique declared, however.

The announcement declared the enemy attempts to disrupt the formations of Flying Fortresses and Liberators were "without success."

### Nazi Loss In Italy 40,000 Since January

Alfred Heintz, Naples, March 9.—(AP)—Fifth Army forces have inflicted 40,000 casualties on the Germans in and around Cassino since the end of January, bringing total enemy losses in Italy for that period to approximately 100,000. Allied headquarters announced today.

The Cassino casualties, including 1,000 captured, were disclosed as a communique told of the repulse of two new German thrusts aimed the American beachhead positions southeast of Cassino.

German losses on the beachhead have been announced as about 24,000. In addition, the enemy has suffered other casualties at the hands of the French and on the Eighth Army front.

Except for two minor stabs on the beachhead, all fronts remained relatively quiet yesterday, aside from routine patrolling, artillery duels and a German air raid on the beachhead in which bombs were dropped.

### Cotton Prices Change Little

	Pv. Close	Open
March	20.01	20.98
May	20.54	20.56
July	19.96	19.97
October	19.43	19.45
December	19.23	19.26

New York, March 9.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five to sixteen cents a bale higher. Noon values were unchanged to ten cents a bale higher, March 21.01, May 20.56, July 19.98.

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Fair and continued cold with frost tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday.