

Yanks Crash To Mid-Germany

Victory Rumors Fly About Washington But Without Basis

Nazi Defeat Won't Mean War Is Over

Admiral King Says Quick Victory Over Japs Not Assured

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—Germany's collapse can mean only a redistribution of naval might, the nation's top sea dog declared today, and even then "the quick and easy victory can be taken for granted."

Draft And Nurse Bills Are Given Committee Okay

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—The Senate Military Committee today approved a House-passed nurse draft bill after amending the measure to make married nurses subject to induction.

RIVER INUNDATES MORE FARM LANDS

Memphis, Tenn., March 27.—(AP) Floods inundated additional thousands of acres of farm lands in west Tennessee and southeast Louisiana today and a new threat developed along the St. Francis river in southern Missouri and Arkansas.

Government Seizure Of Mines Is Likely If Agreement Fails

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—Government seizure of the nation's soft coal mines appeared today to hinge largely on the answer miners and operators give to Secretary Ickes' call for a contract extension. The present working agreement expires Saturday night.

President's Order Sent To Diplomats Starts Wild Tales

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—A White House disclosure that President Roosevelt wants his cabinet officers and American diplomatic officers abroad to stick to their jobs during the San Francisco conference next month today started a current of rumors about immediate victory in Europe.

So far as the White House was concerned, they were only rumors. It all began when Jonathan Daniels, presidential press secretary, was asked whether he looked for a very large outpouring from Washington to the world security conference starting April 25.

Daniels was asked whether the members of the cabinet, other than Stettinius, were supposed to go to San Francisco, and why a message was sent to the cabinet.

VON RUNDSTEDT IS REPORTED ARRESTED

London, March 27.—(AP)—The Paris radio said today that, according to a radio station "broadcasting in German," Field Marshal Von Rundstedt, former commander of Nazi forces on the western front, has been taken from his estate and placed under arrest.

Britain Pays Tributes To Lloyd George

London, March 27.—(AP)—Britain paused amid the tumult of war today to pay tributes to David Lloyd George, late former prime minister during the first world struggle, who died last night at his farm home in north Wales.

AS YANKS CROSSED THE RHINE IN MOTORBOATS

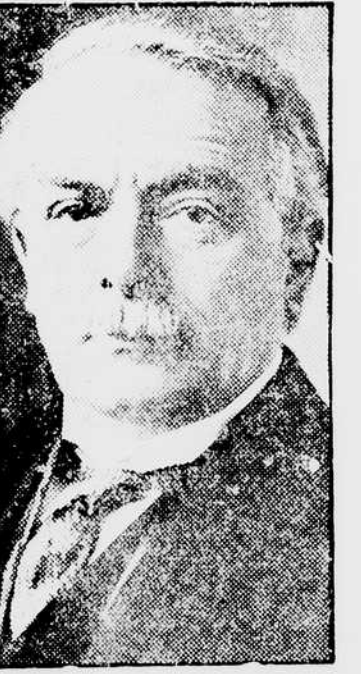


American Ninth Army troops are shown as they started to cross the river, south of Wesel, in outboard motorboats. Eisenhower's armies now have four bridgeheads across the Rhine along an approximate 175 mile stretch of Germany's last barrier in the west. U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto.)

Reds Near Austria's Border And Pressing Toward Vienna

London, March 27.—(AP)—The third Ukrainian army has struck to the lower Danube, which runs within 20 to 25 miles from the Austrian border, and 60 to 65 miles from Vienna, the German high command announced today.

Dies In Wales



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

The president's German communiqué did not disclose the point where the Soviet's reached the Raba in northwestern Hungary, but the river flows into an area of the Danube at Győr, stronghold guarding the Bratislava gap entrance to Vienna.

German Tanks In Hideout Wrecked By Allied Planes

London, March 27.—(AP)—More than 100 German tanks were destroyed or crippled by American and British dive bombers yesterday as Allied troops across the Rhine received the closest air support on record.

U. S. Landing On Cebu Told By Jap Radio

Manila, March 27.—(AP)—Invasion of Cebu island by American forces under cover of bombing warships was reported by Tokyo radio today, but General Douglas MacArthur, announcing the heaviest air raid yet on that central Philippine island offered no confirmation.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and warm today, showers in extreme east portion, followed by fair and mild weather tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer.

Vital Highway Near Front Appears Cut By American Armies

Strong Points Being Evacuated Before Advancing Allied Troops

Paris, March 27.—(AP)—American tanks burst into the open plains of mid-Germany less than 241 miles from Berlin today through enemy lines which General Eisenhower declared had been broken in a massive defeat of the enemy.

Paris, March 27.—(AP)—First army tanks burst into Weilburg, 241 miles southwest of Berlin, in a mighty breakout east of the Rhine today, and the Germans said Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's rampaging third army had crossed to Loehr, 220 miles from the Reich capital.

Loehr is 40 miles southeast of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, where Patton's troops were fighting, and 21 miles northwest of the Bavarian city of Würzburg. The dash appeared to have cut the Stuttgart-Hanover highway, which a Berlin broadcast termed "the most vital communications back of the front."

The first report today of the breakout was that it had been made in the morning. It was said that the German high command had ordered the evacuation of strong points in the area without delay, along the main road from Mainz to Kassel.

The German said they had evacuated Würzburg, manufacturing a der at 86,000 on the main river, 100 miles east of Frankfurt.

A Berlin dispatch by Stockholm said third army columns were advancing toward Fulda, 195 miles southwest of Berlin, and Würzburg, 224 miles southwest of Berlin, and were threatening to cut the western front into two parts. The main Hanover-Stuttgart highway was reported menaced and the German communiqué said the front was being pushed back.

To the north, American and British advances against collapsing German resistance in the Ruhr and in Westphalia promised an imminent breakthrough of perhaps even more decisive character.

In the north, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army fought in Fribourg, in the Moselle, and poured tanks into central Germany over the Rhine at Aachen, ending and recapturing a main highway from Luxembourg to Aachen.

General Eisenhower's massed armies, seven of them fighting beyond the Rhine, were in sight of ultimate victory. The seventh army was the latest to cross the Rhine.

Weilburg, a Lahn river town, is eleven miles northeast of Lahnburg, which was reached yesterday and captured today.

Lt. Gen. Courtney B. Hodge, employing a minimum of five armored divisions east of the original Rhine bridgehead, sent motorized infantry close behind the tanks and self-propelled guns. Altogether, a secondary traffic center 16 miles north of Coblenz, was captured overnight.

The first army captured 4,722 Germans and was estimated to have from 6,000 to 10,000 more streaming in the morning.

War Declared On The Axis By Argentina

Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 27.—(AP)—Argentina today declared a state of war with the Axis.

DROP HUGE BOMBS UPON U-BOAT PENNS

London, March 27.—(AP)—RAF Lancasters dropped eleven-ton volcano bombs on U-boat pens for the first time at Sarge, northwest of Bremen, today in heavy attacks.

GERMANS CAPTURED ON EAST BANK OF RHINE



Escorted by U. S. Third Army soldiers, some of the first Germans to be taken prisoner on the east bank of the Rhine are shown being marched away from the battle area. They were part of an entire battalion who refused to fight and surrendered to the Allies. U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto.)