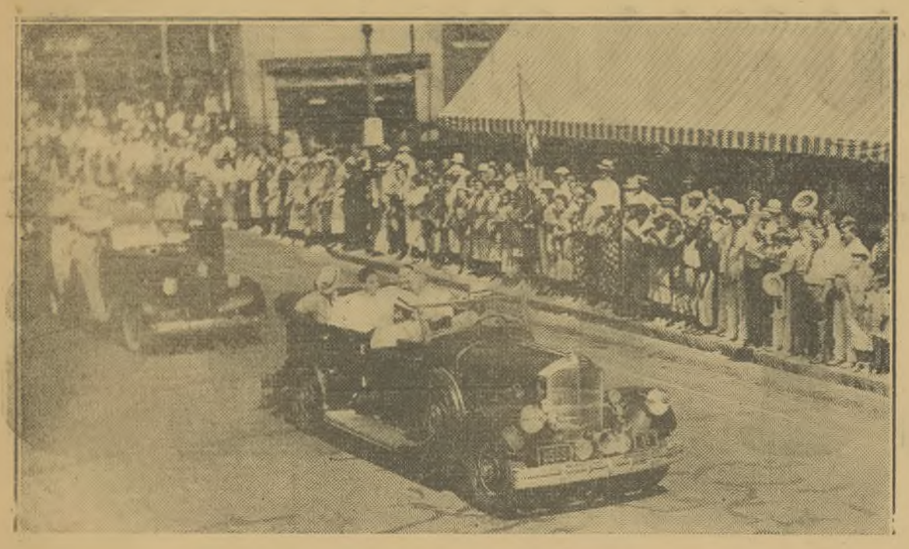
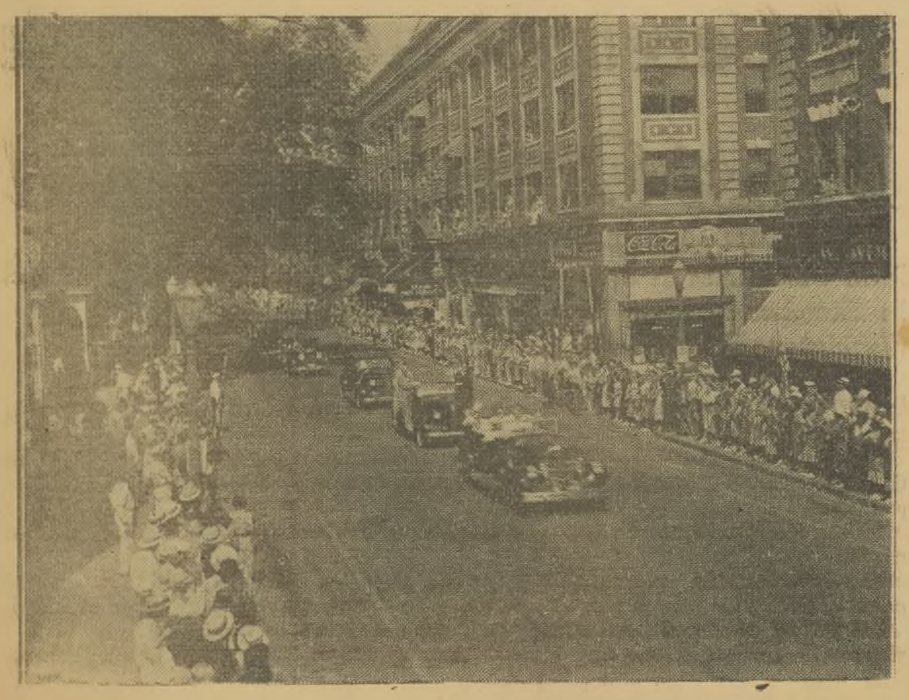
When Elizabeth City Welcomed Roosevelt





Large crowds line Elizabeth City's streets in both residential and business districts on August 18, 1937, as shown above, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt rode in an open car from the Norfolk Southern passenger station, where he had been brought by special train, to the Main street dock of the Pasquotank River where he boarded a Coast Guard cutter for Roanoke Island where he spoke that afternoon at Fort Raleigh and where in the evening he witnessed the Virginia Dare Day presentation of the Lost Colony. In the top photograph he may be seen riding with th President Mayor Jerome B. Flora, Senator Robert Rice Reynolds and then Congressman Lindsay C. Warren.

Hell on Wheels Unit Heads Across Plains Leading to Berlin

By ROBERT EUNSON

Near Magdeburg, Germany, April 12—(AP)—Ninth Army tanks crossed the Elbe River today, forcing that last stream before Berlin for the first time since Napoleon did it more than a century ago.

The Hell of Wheels (2nd) Armored Division was a bare 57 miles from Greater Berlin—the closest reported unit on the western front.

A bridgehead was established at an undisclosed point and tanks crossed the 450-foot river by means which censorship would not permit to be divulged.

Maj. Gen. Isaac D. White of Peterborough, N. H., and Des Moines ordered his Sherman tanks across onto the open plains leading to Berlin.

At the crossing, the Ninth Army was within 115 miles of Russian lines, projected within 32 miles east of the capital, the city of 4,332,242 sprawling over some 25 miles from east to west.

The tank veterans of campaigns in Africa, Sicily, Normandy and the Ardennes Forest reached the Elbe after dark last night and were bivouacked on the east bank at dawn.

Other Ninth Army units were approaching the river along flanks of the Ninth Army wedge, established in a dash of more than 80 miles in a dozen hours. The Ninth Army undoubtedly will be using all types of bridges across the river.

Resistance in front of the Second Armored Division crashed completely yesterday after a sharp fight in the Hermann Goering Iron Works at Wolfenbuttel, south of Brunswick. After the great steel plants were mopped up, the Old Hell on Wheels tanks reached unopposed to the Elbe.

If the order comes to "attack and occupy Berlin," Gen. White's dusty tank crews can be at the Brandenburg gate in Berlin by tomorrow night or Saturday morning, unless the Germans shift some of their guns and armor from the Russian front.

There were indications a few days ago that the Sixth Panzer Division had been pulled out of the line on the Russian front and headed west.

Ahead lies a broad superhighway, with Berlin at the end. But the German military highway system has not been of too much help to the fast going Americans up to now, because of blown bridges and other damage.

Advance columns went ahead boldly without waiting for flanking columns to catch up, and with scarcely a breather.

The Fifth Armored Division is plunging ahead to bring up the northerly tip of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's salient, and has reached Githorn 50 miles north of Magdeburg.

Truck riding infantrymen of the 83rd Division on the southern flank were 25 miles southwest of the Second Armored Division's post on the river near Magdeburg.

Mopping Up Brunswick

Ninth Army troops were mopping up Brunswick, advancing street by street and hunting out—and convincing—handfuls of German soldiers who refused to believe that for them the war is over. It is a job these veterans of Maj. Gen. Leland S. Hobbs have done many times before.

The finish of their job will put out of business several of Hitler's training schools for SS (Elite Guard) troops and a school for Hitler youth leaders.

Hubbard Rites Held

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Duncan Hubbard, who died at her home at Old Trap Sunday morning, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Poplar Branch Baptist Church by Dr. R. E. Wall, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Chuhch.

The church choir sang The Old Rugged Cross and Beautiful Isle of Somewhere.

The casket pall was Easter lilies, red roses and white carnations.

Pallbearers were Will Grandy, R. P. Outlaw, Winton Outlaw, Garnet Gregory, Will Corbell and B. U. Evans.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Perquimans Tops Easter Seal Goal

Hertford, April 12 Mrs. J. P. Perry Jr., Superintendent of Public Welfare, announced today that Easter Seal sales in Perquimans during the recent campaign which ended Easter Monday netted $235.30. One half of this sum will be retained in this county for local chapter work.

The campaign is conducted each year during the Easter season throughout the nation, in order to raise funds to finance the program of the National Society for Crippled Children, which includes support of all public and private activities designed to bring about discovery of crippled children, physical correction, education, recreational opportunity, job training and final employment.

The usual goal for the county is $200. Thus the county went over the top by a margin of $35.30.

Mrs. Perry headed the campaign and was assisted by the school children of the county who made personal canvassing in their neighborhoods of the seals.

The school selling the largest amount of the Easter seals was the Hertford Grammar School, which sold the grand total of $52.-02. The grade selling the largest amount of the seals in the school was Miss Ruth Elliott's second grade class.

Mrs. Perry expressed her appreciation to the people of the county in the way they responded to the seal sale. Without such response the association would be unable to function and many persons would necessarily go without needed care and treatment.

Yugoslavia Signs Pact With Soviet

Moscow, Apr. 12—(AP)—The Soviet Union and Yugoslavia concluded a 20-year friendship and mutual assistance agreement today and early ratification was expected at formal ceremonies in Belgrade.

The signers were Premier Marshall Tito for Yugoslavia and Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov for Russia.

The treaty contains a one-year cancellation clause whereby either party may renounce it one year before the 20-year period expires. Otherwise it is automatically valid for successive five-year periods until one party cancels it a year before expiration of any five-year period.

"The Soviet people will receive this treaty with feelings of satisfaction," said an editorial in the government newspaper Izvestia. "It has two main aims—to continue the fight and to continue friendship with the Soviet Union after the war."

Pasquotank's Quota In 7th Loan $1,318,000

For the Seventh War Loan Pasquotank County will be asked to invest $1,318,000 for its quota, according to figures given out by Holland Webster, chairman of the campaign, Thursday morning, and this time banks and corporations will be allowed to buy only about half the issue. The rest of it, totaling $621,000, will be in E bonds, available only to individuals.

"This time they are not selling bonds to the banks but to me and you and every other man and woman and boy and girl in the county—and here we have the biggest challenge that this war has put up to us," Mr. Webster said, and he was a little grim about it when he added "But we'll do it—like every other time the county has been asked to lend a hand to this war."

This time the overall quota is only $128,000 above the overall quota of the Sixth War Loan, which was over subscribed, but the individual purchaser this time will buy twice as many bonds as have been bought in the county in one drive before. It is a tremendous undertaking, Mr. Webster points out—but Pasquotank County is accustomed to doing tremendous things.

It will take organization and work, and the ground work for the campaign will be laid at a meeting of key leaders, probably Saturday afternoon, Mr. Webster said. Information of the quota was received late Thursday morning, and the campaign director went immediately to work on the preliminaries of organization. Definite announcement of the time and place of the meetig will probably be ready Friday.

Tentative plans are already in the making, and have been for some weeks, for what will develop into the most stupendous campaign-opener ever staged in the Albemarle, so big that it will invoke a half dozen surrounding counties. These plans will be discussed in more detail at the organization meeting, but if they materialize, they will outdo by long odds the immensely successful Coast Guard Dog Show that opened the Sixth War Loan last fall with a "gate" of about $150,000. This one that is being planned should net a half-million, Mr. Webster says.

Casualties Near Mark Of A Million

Washington, April 12—(AP)—American combat casualties since Pearl Harbor have now reached 899,390.

Secretary of War Stimson today reported Army casualties of 802,685 while the Navy set its losses at 96,705.

The increase over last week's figure, 6,481, was one of the smallest weekly rises in months.

Stimson said the Army figures reflected casualties reported through March 31 and covered operations on the war fronts through the middle of March.

A break down on Army casualties and similar figures for the preceding week:

Killed 159,297 and 156,471; wounded 489,256 and 486,929; missing 86,648 and 88,755; prisoners 67,514 and 66,228. Of the wounded 250,192 have returned to duty.

Similar figures for the Navy:

Killed 37,402 and 36,649; wounded 44,444 and 42,988; missing 10,605 and 10,623; prisoners 4,254 and 4,266.

Pitt Jurors Drawn For 2nd Meadows Trial

Greenville, Apr. 12—(AP)—The Pitt County Board of Commissioners, in special session, drew a regular venire of jurors to be used at the second trial of Dr. Leon R. Meadows, former head of East Carolina Teachers College, which begins tentatively on April 30.

Governor Cherry has set the last day in April as the beginning of a three weeks special term of Superior Court for trial of the case, and has delegated Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill to preside. The case may be postponed only at the order of Judge Frizzelle.

Sixty jurors were named to report for the session compared with a list of 200 called for the first trial early this year which lasted eight weeks.

Snow to Address Ed Bond Post

Edenton, April 12—Commander J. L. Chestnutt, of the Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, has announced that George K. Snow, department commander of the Legion will be guest speaker at a meeting on Tuesday night, in the court house at 8 o'clock.

Commander Snow will be introduced by Judge R. D. Dixon.

All members are being urged by Commander Chestnutt, to be on hand for Tuesday night's meeting, which will be an outstanding one.

A special invitation is being extended to the public in general to come out and hear Commander Snow.

Veterans Committee To Hear Caveness

Lt. Col. H. L. Caveness, of the State Selective Service of Raleigh, will meet with the Pasquotank Advisory Committee on Returning Veterans at five o'clock Friday afternoon in the courthouse annex.

War Prisoners Save Uncle Sam Money On Work in State

Raleigh, Apr. 12—(AP)—German war prisoners worked 725,601 man days in North Carolina, principally in agriculture, during the last six months, the Fourth Service Command announced at its Atlanta, Ga., headquarters.

The Army report showed that war prisoners were assigned to private contract work for gathering crops, doing general farm work, cutting pulpwood and sawing timber; on public contracts by working for the State, municipal for other governmental agencies; and at Army installations by working in shops, laundries and to other tasks by which soldiers could be relieved.

The working prisoners receive 80 cents a day in canteen coupons. Private contractors, such as farmers, pay the United States Treasury the amount they would have paid civilian labor for the tasks done by the prisoners of war.

During the last six months, the Army's report showed, prisoners worked 492,198 man days on Army installations, saving the government $1,367,020.01 in wages; they worked 228,988 days on private contracts, showing a profit to the government of $44,129.43, or the difference between 80 cents a day and the regular wage scale; and 4,465 man days on public C contracts, showing a labor profit of $13,932.95.

Meanwhile, 750 prisoners of war have been assigned the State this fall for harvesting beans and peaches. The number will drop to 250 in August, but will jump to 1,900 in September when peanuts will be added to harvesting duties. The last month of the harvest season, October, will find 1,650 prisoners assigned to harvest duties.

Vienna Favored As Place to Hold Peace League Meet

Washington, April 12—(AP)—The world peace-keeping organization to be blueprinted at San Francisco may conduct its first deliberations in the United States.

Diplomats speculated on this possibility today as they awaited word on the extent of destruction in Vienna to determine whether that old world capital—now almost entirely in Russian hands—remains a likely choice as a permanent meeting site.

Officials say the league itself—assuming that everything goes at top speed—could be set up by late summer or early fall.

Then, as soon as it is ratified by enough countries, the first assembly meeting of all member nations probably will be called. This session would elect non-permanent members of the security council and get the organization going.

The United Nations will have to decide at San Francisco how many ratifications will be necessary to establish the peace organization. Probably, a majority of two-thirds of those attending the April 25 meeting will be required—specifically including Britain, Russia, the United States, China and France, as permanent members of the council.

Because of the necessity for Senate debate and ratification, it is generally felt this country will be the time-clock and that when America is definitely in, the agency will begin to function.

Possibility of the first meeting in this country is strengthened by the devastation in Europe where the coming winter undoubtedly will be cold and hungry. Philadelphia, San Francisco and Detroit already have put in bids to be host to the meeting.

However, Vienna at this point seems to head the speculative list. The Russians appear to favor the Austrian capital, which long has been the cross-roads of eastern and western Europe.

In addition, Russia along with Britain and the United States promised at Moscow in 1943 to reconstitute an independent Austria. In line with this pledge some diplomats believe that establishment of the peace organization in Vienna would go a long way toward helping that impoverished nation back on its economic feet.

Eighth Army Overcomes Second Barrier

Rome, April 12—(AP)—Eighth Army troops battling heavy opposition have pushed across a second barrier thrown up by the Germans at the Santerno River, while on the opposite end of the front American troops, assisted by Italian partisans, have captured Carrara, Allied headquarters announced today.

The Santerno River runs parallel to and about five miles west of the Senio River line from which the Eighth launched its new offensive four days ago.

Carrara is four miles north of Massa, west coast hub whose capture by the Fifth Army was announced yesterday.

(Meanwhile, in a message to Italian patriots behind German lines in northern Italy, Gen. Mark W. Clark said the "final battles for the liberation of Italy have begun."

ROOSEVELT

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siderable comment among White House correspondents.

Mr. Roosevelt's voice also had become weak in recent months. And he frequently asked reporters to repeat their questions.

This was attributable, according to those close to him, to a sinus leakage into the throat which caused slight constrictions.

TRUMAN

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enjoyed by a congressional committee.

4. Whose friendliness and modesty is the same as it was when he entered the vice presidency and as it probably was when he was a farmboy down in Missouri.

During the campaign, Truman called repeatedly for the defeat of eight Republican candidates for Senator whom he termed "isolationists"

When his campaign moved into Massachusetts, he was asked at a press conference in Boston whether he felt the same way about Senator Walsh (D-Mass), an opponent of administration foreign policy prior to Pearl Harbor.

Quick as a flash, Truman came back with the statement that he saw no difference in the voting records of Walsh and the others, but that Walsh was not up for reelection and there was still time to convert him.

Once, on the West Coast, a reporter asked Truman whether, in the tragic event of Mr. Roosevelt's death, the 60-year-old Missourian thought himself capable of stepping into his shoes.

Never a question dodger, Truman promptly came back with the assertion that many newspapers had said he had a knowledge of the war program second only to that of Mr. Roosevelt himself.

Truman recently told an audience in his home state that Missouri is, both georgraphically, and politically, a little to the left of center.

That describes his own political philosophy. He has said that the nation can provide all the postwar jobs necessary—60,000,000 if that is the required figure—if men to the left and to the right, will bet together.

Japs Losing 11 Men to One Yank In Okinawa Fight

By LEIF ERICKSON

Guam, April 12—(AP)—Southern Okinawa's grim, no-quarter artillery battle went into its eighth day today as the navy announced American casualties of 2,695 for the first nine days of the campaign. The Yanks were killing 11 Japanese for every American.

Japanese in the bitterly-contested southern sector hurled four determined and well-prepared counterattacks against Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge's 24th Corps Doughboys yesterday after firing 4,000 rounds of mortar and artillery fire.

The Japanese were calling for supporting mortar fire even though some of it was falling into their own lines. Artillery shells and small arms fire poured into the American positions in increasing amounts along the "little Siegfried Line" about four miles north of Naha, the capital.

No Substantial Changes

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz again reported "no substantial changes in the lines in the southern sector."

Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger's Marines in the north ran into organized resistance for the first time as they passed toward the end of the top of the Motobu peninsula. Other Marines advanced into the mainland of northern Okinawa against only slight opposition.

Carrier and land-based planes as well as naval guns gave close support to the ground operations. Fighters wrecked 14 Japanese amphibious tanks and 15 camouflaged boats along the southern shore. A shore battery was silenced.

Associated Press Correspondent Vern Haugland reported that the Japanese were suspected of using a small observation plane with U. S. markings. The tiny craft was believed observing American positions and directing Japanese mortar fire.

432 Dead

Admiral Nimitz announced the 2,695 American casualties included 432 dead, 2,103 wounded and 160 missing. This count was up to midnight on Monday.

The last report of Japanese dead showed 5,009 by midnight Sunday, but much heavy fighting has been under way since then. The ratio of better than 11 to 1 still is considerably under that of Iwo Jima and Saipan. The ratio at Iwo Jima was around 20 to 1.

Further details were disclosed of an attempted suicide boat attack on American shipping off Naha last Monday by a dozen enemy craft. Five were destroyed and one damaged. At least 15 swimmers, some of them carrying hand grenades, were killed. Some took their own lives when threatened with capture.

Announcements

I WISH to announce to my numerous customers, friends and former employees that I now operate The Brooklyn Cafe, 723 N. Fourth St., and The Star Cafe, 420 N. Front Street, both located in Wilmington, N. C. Any former employe and others wishing employment communicate with me at either of the above mentioned addresses. Free transportation, housing accommodations and free meals, plus Humane Treatment. Milton Christopher. Formerly of the Busy Bee Cafe and The Puritan Cafe. 11-13n

Massive Navy Crane Saves Precious Cargo of Gasoline When Gas Trailer Turns Turtle

By grace of the Naval Auxiliary Air Station's intervention with a massive mobile crane, a heavy gasoline truck owned by Sheriff J. E. Winslow of Perquimans County, which had turned turtle at the county line bridge just west of South Mills, was lifted back to the highway and hauled away almost without losing a drop of its precious cargo.

"Of course they lost more than a drop," reports Highway Patrolman L. B. Lane, "but they didn't lose very much, not more than five per cent or so, and without the Navy's coming—well, it was a menace to traffic and it would just have broken some A-card man's heart to see any of it wasted."

It was one of those freak accidents that leave people wondering how anybody escaped alive and how anything was salvaged. The heavy gas truck, driven by Ellis Weaver was coming from Norfolk and a Kraft Cheese truck driven by Ernest C. Byrd, Negro, was proceeding toward Norfolk. Weaver was on the bridge and Byrd applied brakes to slow up to give Weaver time to clear it.

Then things happened. Byrd's left front brake grabbed and pitched his truck to the left past the center line of the road. Weaver swung off the road to avoid collision and then the heavy trailer part of the truck, loaded with 3,200 gallons of gasoline, broke its coupling and rolled over with its wheels in the air. Its intake vents were buried in mud and no leakage was taking place.

Hastily summoned to the scene Patrolman Lane saw that no ordinary devices would do. He then called Chief Boatswain's Mate Anderson at the Naval Air Station here and put the matter up to him. Anderson got permission from his commanding officer and with a crew set out for the scene, arriving in half an hour. Fifteen minutes later the truck and trailer were right side up—and scarcely any gasoline missing. Nobody was hurt and nobody was arrested. It was just one of those wrecks. Lane, long acquainted with Andeson, moved him up several more notches in esteem.

Aircraft Plants Near Tokyo Hit Again by B29s

Guam, April 12—Tokyo and industrial Koriyama on Honshu Island were plastered with bombs by American Superfortresses today roaring out on a 3,800 mile round-trip mission from the Marianas.

The Nakajima Musashino aircraft engine plant was a Tokyo target.

Returning pilots who made the 3,800 mile round trip flight, the longest central Pacific bombing mission to date, termed their attack "very successful." The B-29s were escorted by Iwo Jima based fighterplanes.

Koriyama targets were not identified except as "industrial" in the city situated 110 miles north of Tokyo.

Part of the Superforts hit a second industrial target at Koriyama in the first raid on that city.

Bombing was done visually from 8,000 feet with the aid of unusually good weather, and while Japanese fighters were encountered, B-29 crewmen said they were "on the timid side." There was no report of Superfort losses.

"The target was burning when we left," said Lt. Joseph Currier of Lincoln, Maine. "There was one damned big fire there. We saw a few fighters but they weren't aggressive. After a few bursts they were scared away."

Lt. Roy Collingwood of Fox Chapel, Penna., who watched bombs from his bombardier's compartment, saw them "go right in the money."

"The target was burning fiercely and all we could see was smoke.

"Four fighters made a coordinated attack but they were scared off."

Collingwood said after his bombs were away he was unable to lock the bomb bay doors until concussion from bombs exploding 8,000 feet below closed them for him.

Tokyo radio said a fleet of "approximately 150" Superfortresses escorted by a "sizeable" force of fighter planes concentrated an attack on Tokyo's west section, while "some 50" B-29s bombed Fukushima perfecture north of the Japanese capital.

Frequent "feinting" movements were conducted by the planes the broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said.

A lone B-29 feinted at Shizuoka, site of a new aircraft engine plant, the enemy broadcast said. Eight such sorties of one plane each were conducted, the Japanese reported.

Fifty B-29s reportedly struck the Tokyo area, and a similar number hit Koriyama, said the broadcast.

HOG MARKETS

Raleigh, April 12—(AP)—(NCDA)—Hog markets steady with tops of 14.55 at Clinton and Rocky Mount and 14.85 at Richmond.

Lost

LADY's seventeen jewel Bulova watch in downtown district. Return to Daily Advance and receive reward. 12-14p

For Sale

OUTBOARD motor. See after 6:00 p.m. 116-B Enfield. 12-13n

Rampaging Allies Toppling Cities Like Tenpins

By JAMES M. LONG

Paris, Apr. 12—(AP)—American Ninth Army tanks crossed the Elbe River today and debouched onto the flat, unbroken plain leading 57 miles toward Berlin and 115 miles from Russian siege lines.

The First Army approached Leipzig in Saxony over the old battlefields of Frederick the Great. One unconfirmed report placed American tanks near Halle.

Cities fell like tenpins: Weimar, Heilbrown, Essen, Colburg, Nordhaussen, Schweinfurt, Halberstadt, Emmen, Neustadt and—by German account—Bochum.

The Third Army farther south broke out again in armored gains of up to 46 miles which carried within 42 miles of Czechoslovakia and 32 of Bayreuth in the Bavarian redoubt where the Nazis may make their last stand.

The British thrust within less than 50 miles of Hamburg, Germany's greatest port and second largest city, capturing Celle (25,000) and Rethen, crossing the Aller River. They were shelling Bremen, second German port.

All along the western front, it was a hound and hare chase of disorganized and shattered German armies who had lost their last water barrier before Berlin, the Elbe.

Traps containing up to 100,000 Germans in the Ruhr and 200,000 in Holland were under vigorous assault.

To the south, Third Army tank divisions broke loose again and thundered forward up to 46 miles on the approaches to Leipzig, Czechoslovakia and the Red Army lines.

No German City Will Be Declared Open Says Himmler

London, Apr. 12—(AP)—Heinrich Himmler, commander of the German home army and Gestapo chief, issued a decree today declaring that "no German city will be declared an open town," DNB announced in a Berlin broadcast.

"Every German town and every house must be defended," the SS leader declared.

"Every village, every town will be defended with all means. Every German man responsible for the defense of a place who does not follow this order loses his honor and his life."

DNB said the decree was necessitated by a tendency toward easy surrender in the west to American spearheads commanders who promised that if the towns gave up they would not be destroyed.

Delayed

Washington, Apr. 12—(AP)—Senators Bailey and Hoey, North Carolina Democrats, said last night that recommendation of a successor to I. M. Meekins as district judge for Eastern North Carolina has been delayed until after April 20.

Their statement followed a conference with Attorney General Francis Biddle, who said, Bailey reported, that there were at least 16 other judgeships ahead of the North Carolina vacancy and that the department would decide on a recommendation for that appointment as soon as possible. Judge Meekins retired in February.

The War Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

London has heard a report that Hitler has been assassinated—a story which unfortunately has found no confirmation.

There's another report of a split in the Nazi party. It's said the Fuehrer is being thrown over in favor of the Gestapo Chief Himmler, the bloody minded wholesale murderer. To this a British spokesman has replied that the foreign office is operating on the theory that the Fuehrer still is in control, with Himmler in command of defense forces. The spokesman added that all sorts of stories are going the rounds about Hitler, all of which could be true but most of which probably are not.

Positive knowledge of Hitler's passing certainly would have a vast repercussion. General George C. Marshall, U. S. Army Chief of Staff, recently told the Senate Military Committee that the capture of the Nazi chief would contribute tremendously to a collapse of the German military machine.

Death Would Produce Collapse

That assay fits a view which this column often has voiced and has carried a step further. Having studied Hitler at close range in Germany I have ventured the belief that he is the mainspring of Nazism—that in fact he and Nazism are one and the same thing, and that his death or incapacitation would produce a collapse both of the military machine and of the government.