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CYCLONIC STORM HITS CENTRAL WISCONSIN

American Troops Smash Nazi Efforts to Break Out of Trap On the Cherbourg Peninsula

FRENCH CAPTURE MOST OF ELBA

Rome—(P)—French colonial battalions captured Portoferraio and now hold the "greater part of the island of Elba," headquarters announced today, while the Italian peninsula mud-spattered allied troops made gains on both flanks and in the center of their line taking Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis.

Beating down determined German resistance on Elba, the French have rounded up several hundred prisoners, including several high officers, a communique said.

A field dispatch said the French had seized more than two-thirds of Elba.

Before taking Portoferraio, the capital of the north coast, the French captured Napoleon's villa. The invading forces brought artillery against the Germans bitterly contesting control of Porto Longone on the east coast.

Fifth and Eighth army troops in Italy are meeting increasing resistance as they drive the Germans back toward the Pisa-Rimini line, but more villages have been taken and strong pressure is being exerted against the stubborn German garrison at the central sector road hub of Perugia, 85 miles north of Rome and about 72 miles southeast of Florence.

Referred to fighting along the west coast, the communique said, "west of Highway 2 Fifth army troops have driven the enemy from important defensive positions and in the coastal sector have taken Campagnano and are now some 10 miles north of Grosseto."

Yanks Enlarge Beachhead On Saipan Island

(By the Associated Press) The Nimitz-MacArthur team steadily enlarged the beaches today in the 4,000-mile Japanese inner defense line stretching from New Guinea through the Kuriles.

In the center at Saipan island, soldiers and marines battling two enemy divisions fought to within three miles of Magicienne Bay on the east and to the edge of Aslito airfield, most important on the island. The bay is Saipan's main naval base.

The U. S. troops enlarged their beachhead after two enemy counter-thrusts were repulsed. In the first 25 tanks were demolished Friday. Early Saturday 13 barges laden with Japanese were destroyed as the enemy attempted an amphibious landing in the American rear.

Guam, 100 miles southward, was heavily shelled by warships Thursday. The attack could have been preparatory to invasion.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force—(P)—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's American troops squeezed within eight miles of Cherbourg today and shelled the strategic port with their big guns tonight.

Steadily strengthening their hold all across the peninsula the Yankees turned back a single desperate German attack to break out of the trap, struck out both north and south to widen their cordon and captured Briquebec, only 11 miles south of the southern edge of Cherbourg.

Doubles in 24 Hours The American-held zone across the base of the peninsula has grown to twice its width since yesterday, it was said.

Dispatches from Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st army group headquarters said as many as 50,000 Germans may have been caught in the Cherbourg net.

The Nazi attempt to break out was made at a point about 13 miles due south of the port.

The Germans lashed out in the darkness in a heavy local attack near St. Jacques De Nehou, but were thrown back with heavy losses.

Toward the eastern flank of the 110-mile Normandy front, British forces battled into the northern end of shell-torn Tilly-Sur-Seulles, with the Germans still holding in the southern part of the town between Bayeux and Caen.

Lay Siege to Cherbourg Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's troops, laying siege to Cherbourg after thrusting a seven-mile-wide corridor clean across the peninsula, now are building up strength for "the next step," supreme headquarters said.

German guns laid a heavier shell barrage on American-held Carentan, stronghold near the eastern end of the line choking off Cherbourg's fight toward the port from the Montebourg area, 14 miles to the southeast.

RAPIDS FLIER IS WITH MIHAIOVIC

Mrs. William L. Keepers, 430 Fourth street south in Wisconsin Rapids has received word that her husband, Staff Sgt. William L. Keepers, was among 13 American airmen who were forced to abandon damaged planes over the Balkans and who are now safe with units of Gen. Draja Mihailovic's forces in Yugoslavia.

The fliers sent the following message to their families: "We are safe and in good hands. Don't worry."

Sgt. Keepers and his comrades are now awaiting allied planes to return them to their Italian bases.

Word concerning the U. S. fliers being with Mihailovic's army was released Saturday by the information delegate of the Yugoslav government.

U. S. Will Recognize New Bolivian Regime

Washington—(P)—The United States and other American republics have decided to recognize the new regime in Bolivia before July 2 elections are held there, it was learned here today.

POUND HITLER'S ROCKET-BOMB LAUNCHING AREA

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force—(P)—U. S. heavy bombers 500 to 700 strong hammered Hitler's rocket-bomb launching area at Pas-De-Calais today as more of the pilotless explosives hurtled over into England, and other big allied planes struck heavily at German air bases in southwestern France.

Three-Ply Assault Fighter-bombers, attacking at the rate of one a minute, drove home a three-ply assault in direct support of the invasion forces. One wave pounded trapped German forces on northern Cherbourg peninsula. Another battered communication routes to the southeast over which the Nazis were trying to reinforce their armored divisions in the Tilly-Caen sector. The third stream bombed the area north of Paris disrupting enemy reinforcement lines.

The American heavy bombers slashed at rocket installations after a night assault by the RAF, in which one plane was lost, and a raid in the same area Sunday by 250 big U. S. bombers. Other formations hit airfield targets.

Hampered By Weather A rare stretch of bad June weather still was hampering air operations.

Fighter-bombers blasted to pieces one concentration of several hundred Germans. Col. Donald Blakeslee's U. S. Mustang group saw what looked like a big procession of citizens out for a ride in horse shays, but when the pilots "buzzed" the cavalcade for a closer look German soldiers dived for cover. The ammunition-loaded "shays" were sent up in a string of firecracker explosions while horses scampered across the fields.

Fire in Nekoosa Mill Results in Damage of \$1,000

Damage estimated at approximately \$1,000 was caused by fire fought for two hours by the Nekoosa volunteer fire department in the wood room of the Nekoosa mill of the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper company on Sunday evening.

Fire Chief James J. Misna reported the fire as having started at 8:40 p. m. when an acetylene torch, in the hands of a worker, is believed to have ignited some turpentine which in some way had been deposited in an open sewer. The fire spread rapidly, burning partly through the basement room.

Unable to control the fire with chemicals, firemen turned several streams of water on the flames and after two hours had extinguished it. Considerable damage was done to electric wiring and motors by the sprinkling system, which operated through part of the fire.

Most Cheese Is Now Ration Free

Washington—(P)—All cheese except cheddar and processed cheddar will be ration point free for two weeks beginning Sunday, the office of price administration announced Saturday night. The cheese placed on the free list make up about 28% of all cheese sold, it was said.

The June values for cheese are 10 points a pound, and cheddar—also known as American—and cheddar products will continue at that value. Points normally used for the cheeses which go on the free list by Saturday night's action now may be used for butter, beef steaks and beef roasts, the other products for which red stamps are used.



CORP. FRANCIS J. HERTEL

FRANCIS HERTEL DIES OF WOUNDS

Milladore, Wis.—Jacob Hertel, Milladore creameryman, received a war department telegram Saturday afternoon telling of the death of his son, Corp. Francis Hertel, 22, who died May 28 off the northern coast of New Guinea as a result of wounds received in action.

Memorial services will be Friday at 8 a. m., with solemn high mass in St. Wenceslaus Catholic church, Milladore, the Rev. Oscar Craemer in charge.

Born in Stockbridge, Wis., April 16, 1922, Francis Hertel lived there until he was a boy of eight years, when his parents moved to Milladore. He graduated from the graded school at Milladore, attended Pio Nona high school in Milwaukee, graduating in 1940, and since then had been a helper in his father's creamery at Milladore.

He is survived by a brother, Roman, S. V. D., member of the religious order at Techny, Ill.; Leo, in Winstead, Minn.; Gordon and James at home, and Pvt. William Hertel, Camp Carson, Col. A sister of Corporal Hertel is Mrs. Lambert Cherney, wife of the Milladore village president; two sisters who are members of a religious order are Sister Muriel, O. S. F., Savanna, Ill., and Sister Ramona, O. S. F., St. Francis convent, Milwaukee.

The mother died in January, 1940. Corporal Hertel is survived by his

Bricker Says Ohio Will Go GOP Way

Columbus, O.—(P)—Gov. John W. Bricker disagreed today with a statement by his presidential campaign manager that Ohio would be a doubtful state in November unless the governor was the Republican nominee.

WACS AT ROTARY

WAC recruiters, coming to Wisconsin Rapids Tuesday, will furnish the noonday program for Rotarians here, with the Rotary luncheon date advanced one day to coincide with the WAC arrival.



SUNDAY VISITOR—Many homes in Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, Stevens Point, Milladore, Arpin and other urban centers of Wood and Portage counties were endangered and in some cases damaged as large shade trees, caught in Sunday afternoon's windstorm, toppled into lawns and buildings. Typical is this scene at the Frank Trier residence, corner of Franklin street and First street north, this city. (Photo by Angus McDouglass.)



TIMBER!—In the path of Sunday's windstorm were shade trees on Drake street, which were toppled across the thoroughfare as pictured above. Shade trees throughout cities and villages of Wood and Portage counties were endangered and in some cases damaged crops and buildings totalled many thousands of dollars, the total not yet computed. (Photo by Angus McDouglass.)

Albert Coon, Town of Port Edwards Youth, Is Killed By Shotgun Slug

Sheriff Henry J. Becker said this afternoon there would be no coroner's inquest into the death of 12-year-old Albert Coon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Prentice S. Coon, town of Port Edwards. The boy was instantly killed Saturday night at 9 o'clock when shot with a rifled slug from a 12-gauge shotgun.

The boy was playing in the bedroom of his home with his 8-year-old nephew, Charles Coon, and his 9-year-old cousin, Roy Coon, when the accident occurred. The father of the gun victim, as well as several other children in the family, were in the home at the time. The mother, who is seriously ill, was not at home.

Dr. O. A. Backus of Port Edwards

High Winds, Rain, Hail Level Trees, Unroof Buildings

Wood and Portage county residents, with axes, saws and trucks, today began the job of digging out from under the havoc caused by a Sunday afternoon windstorm of cyclonic proportions, that blacked out cities in three counties, battered entire communities, leveled farm buildings and caused inestimable damage to growing crops.

Provisionally, no persons were seriously injured in the storm area, reports up to mid-afternoon today confirm.

The storm, which hit the Stevens Point area the hardest, struck Wisconsin Rapids at about 3:30 Sunday afternoon, breaking tree limbs, crushing large trees down on lawns and homes and unroofing buildings. At Consolidated Water Power and Paper company's mill here a section of roof 20 by 40 feet was stripped off the Number 3 machine room, roof boards being tossed into the river and some carried across the river and dropped along First street north. Portions of roofing material were stripped off other parts of the Consolidated mill roof.

At the Guarantee Hardware company's warehouse on West Grand avenue entire sections of the roof were torn off. Workmen today were busy repairing it and the Consolidated roof repairs were well toward completion at noon today.

On the grounds of the Emerson school large shade trees were uprooted, and on Drake street, Irving street, Second street and Garfield avenue the traffic was halted by trees and other debris on the roadway.

On the courthouse lawn a large willow tree was split, one huge limb crashing to the lawn. Other trees

Town of Grant Bachelor Dies As Home Burns

John Simmit, 56, bachelor living on a farm in the town of Grant, Portage county two and one half miles northeast of Kellner, was found dead near his small home which had been destroyed by fire. Discovery of the body was made at about five o'clock Saturday afternoon by Clarence Eberhardt, a neighbor who lived a short distance from the Simmit home.

The small home is believed to have burned sometime Wednesday evening and apparently Simmit got out of the house and attempted to extinguish the fire by throwing dirt onto the blaze. Eberhardt said he had seen smoke in the vicinity of the Simmit home Wednesday evening, but did not pay much attention to it. A spade which Simmit had apparently been using was found near the body.

Portage county officials who investigated expressed the opinion

ALLEGED YOUTHS WRECKED CABIN

A 17-year-old Racine boy and a 15-year-old Pittsville girl are being held at the Wood county jail in Wisconsin Rapids today and another 16-year-old Racine boy was being held by Racine police for Wood county authorities charged with breaking and entering the Girl Scout cabin in Riverside park at Pittsville sometime Thursday night.

Wood county officers went to Racine today to get the third culprit and Sheriff Henry Becker said the three youths were expected to be taken into justice court here early this week.

The cabin was broken into sometime Thursday night. The vandals used a piece of board to break the windows and after they entered the cabin they broke the dishes, tore the curtains and scout flag and damaged other parts of the cabin.

The damage was discovered by Girl Scout Bonnie Wright when she went to the cabin Friday afternoon.

Windstorms Claim Lives of 13 People

Sioux Falls, S. D.—(P)—The death list from windstorms that flicked through eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota Saturday evening rose to 13 today with more than 100 estimated to have been injured as the high winds leveled scores of farm homes and buildings.

Eight of the dead were reported at Wilnot, S. D., three at Florence and two at Eath.

ACCIDENTS TAKE 5 STATE LIVES

(By the Associated Press) At least five Wisconsin persons lost their lives in accidents over the week-end, with two of the mishaps a result of the windstorm that swept through several counties.

The dead: Mrs. Ida Clark, 47, of Neenah. Roman Pankratz, 53, of Menasha. Albert Coon, 12, town of Port Edwards.

Date Montgomery, 31, Milwaukee. John Simmit, town of Grant, Portage county.

Mrs. Clark and Pankratz lost their lives in storm-tossed Lake Winnebago when rowboats overturned. Mrs. Clark had been fishing with her husband, James, and another Neenah couple, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, and her companions said she failed to come up after the initial plunge. Pankratz, owner of an ice and fuel firm, was rowing with his son, Robert, when their mishap occurred. The boy was rescued by Paul Wilkie and Ervin Herzfelder of Appleton.

The Coon boy was killed by a charge from a .12 gauge shotgun in the bedroom of his home. Wood county authorities said that two boys, eight and nine years old, were with the youth at the time and that the discharge of the gun was accidental.

The Montgomery youth drowned in Keesling lake near Waupaca when he stepped into a drop-off while swimming with two brothers. Shortly after the youth drowned a heavy wind and rain storm struck the area, delaying efforts to recover the body.

Simmit, a bachelor, was found dead near his home after it was destroyed by fire Saturday night.

Tavern Closing Measure Is Ruled Constitutional

Madison, Wis.—(P)—The state supreme court today held constitutional the tavern closing law prohibiting beer and liquor sale between 1 and 8 a. m. in all establishments outside of Milwaukee county. The decision validates two changes made by the 1943 legislature in the original regulations. One prohibits Milwaukee taverns from remaining open between 2 and 6 a. m. week-days, and 3:30 and 10 a. m. Sundays. The other provides that all taverns outside of Milwaukee county must remain closed between 1 and 8 a. m.

Previous to the 1943 legislature's action there was no statewide closing hour for the sale of beer, although sale of liquor was prohibited after 1 a. m. Thus, Milwaukee county taverns now may sell for an hour later each night, on week-days, than those of other counties, and may open two hours earlier.

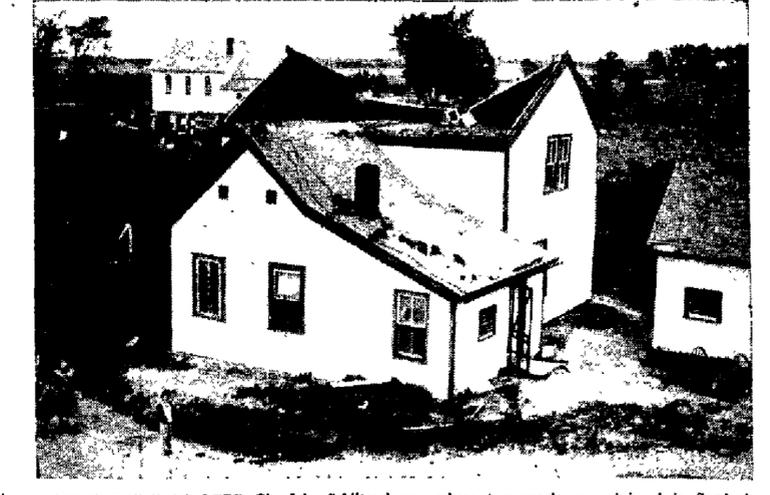
POLICE ACADEMY SCHOOL

Police Chief R. J. Exner today received formal invitation from J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, inviting the Wisconsin Rapids police chief to the 11-week national police academy school in Washington, D. C. Chief Exner, granted leave of absence by the city council, will leave for Washington July 24.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Clearing and cooler with diminishing wind tonight. Tuesday fair with higher afternoon temperatures.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 78; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 53; temperature at 7 a. m., 54. Precipitation, 1.39.



AFTER THE WIND LEFT—The John Schiller home, where two people were injured in Sunday's cyclone, looked like this today, with even the chimneys toppled by the severe wind. Windows were smashed, inside walls twisted and shattered, belongings scattered and a film of plaster dust over all. Note in the background, left, the Altdorf Catholic church, from which the steeple was torn by the wind Sunday. The steeple, scattered in bits, lies in the church graveyard, shown above.



ALL THAT WAS LEFT—This shambles of kindling wood is all that remains today of the barn on the John and Jost Schiller farm at Altdorf, as result of the cyclone Sunday afternoon. Boards and bits of roofing were scattered in a quarter of a mile area, tossed about by the wind.