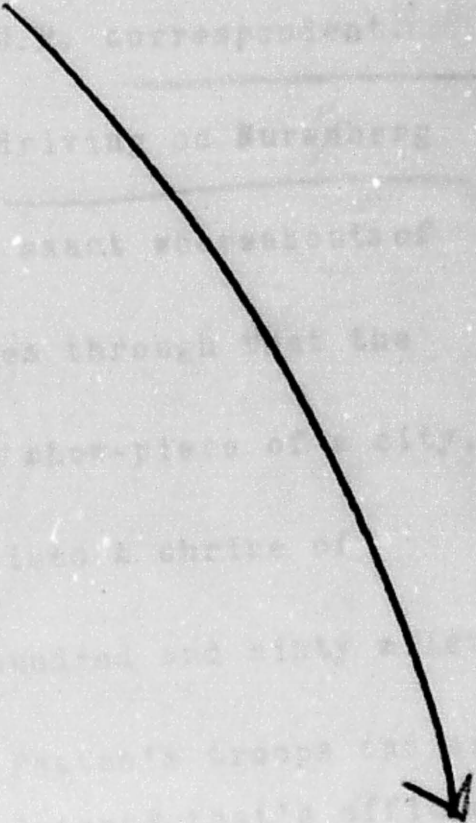


The latest tonight states that the German army on the Western Front has been cut into four segments. Slashing Allied advances deep into Germany have destroyed the unity of the German army that held the Rhine - ~~which is~~ <sup>the Nazi forces that now are</sup> ~~reeling back~~ in four battered, ~~chunks~~ ~~right now~~ <sup>disorganized segments.</sup>

All day long the news bulletins were more like a shout of triumph than a



## WESTERN FRONT


~~The news bulletins during the past couple of hours have been more like a shout of triumph than a~~  
humdrum presentation of events. The facts on the Western Front are indeed a pageant of victory.

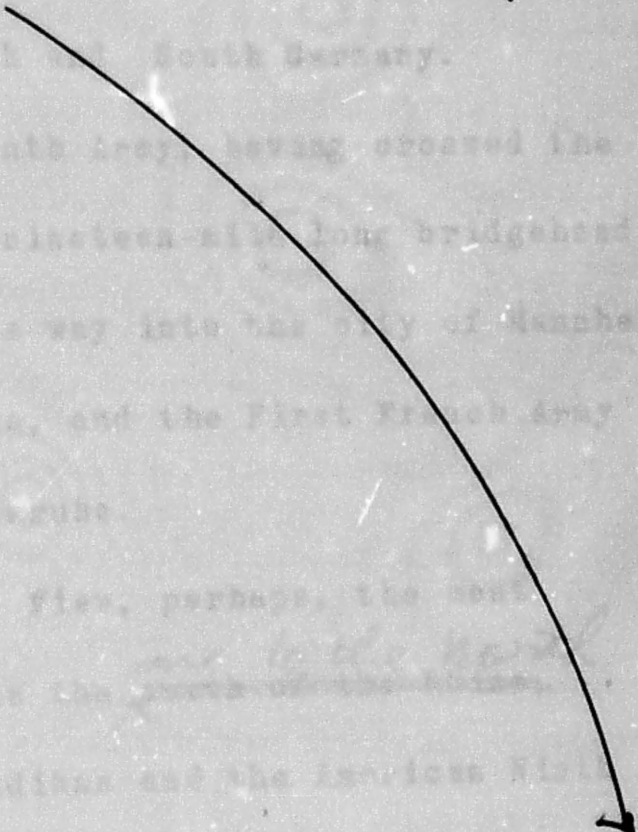
One United Press dispatch speaks of the Germans as - a badly whipped army falling<sup>a</sup> apart in complete demoralization. Victory-flushed Allied troops slicing ahead, over-running city after city. "There's victory in the air everywhere," cables the U.P. correspondent.

Patton's Third Army is driving on Nure<sup>M</sup>berg.

A security blackout conceals the exact whereabouts of the spearheads, but the fact comes through that the Third Army is near that medieval show-piece of a city, Nureenberg, which Hitler debased into a shrine of Naziism. And Nureenberg is one hundred and sixty miles beyond the Rhine - across which Patton's troops and armor swept only three days ago. The latest, that's official, merely states that the Third Army now controls the south bank of the River Main, for forty-five miles, all the way to Aschaffenburg.

So far as the official news is concerned,  
the deepest Allied wedge has been driven by the  
American First Army commanded by General Hodges.

Spearheads of <sup>his</sup> five armored divisions are fifty-four  
miles beyond the Rhine. *And* 



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*the* ~~The~~ First Army today raced ahead for twenty-seven miles, <sup>putting it</sup> ~~Having breasted of the Remagen bridgehead, General Hodgen's troops are hurling forward stupendous masses of men and armor, and are last reported~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~within~~ <sup>has</sup> ~~within~~ thirteen miles of the great super-highway from Frankfurt to Berlin, one of the dominant lines of communication between North and South Germany.

The American Seventh Army, having crossed the Rhine, has established a nineteen-mile-long bridgehead, and tonight is fighting its way into the city of Mannheim. The French, too, are across, and the First French Army is fighting inside of Karlsruhe.

From a strategic view, perhaps, the most important sector of all, is the <sup>one to the north</sup> ~~north of the Rhine,~~ where the British and Canadians and the American Ninth ~~Army~~ are pushing over the flatlands of northern Germany -- ~~That's~~ the shortest route to Berlin, <sup>and</sup> ~~and it's~~ the easiest country of all for speedy movement -- as flat as a billiard table.

*own* word from ~~that~~ northern flatland comes from United Press Correspondent Richard McMillan, and it is only

necessary to pick out lines of triumph to sketch the picture. "The British Second Army" <sup>he cables</sup> "has driven through enemy lines as if they were made of butter. Tanks and armored elements," he goes on, "are swarming across open country ~~xxx~~ to the East, absolutely without opposition. The rate of our advance now depends, not upon enemy opposition, but on the speed with which we can get gasoline and other supplies over the roads." ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

And then he states a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ surprising fact: "Thus far there has not been a single sizeable counterattack." ~~And, I suspect the extent of the defeat of the Germans in the West can be gauged by that one fact -- "not a single sizeable counterattack."~~

Seven giant Allied armies are pouring swiftly into the heart of Nazi Germany, and we are told that among Allied officers the words that fly about are -- "complete collapse." And -- "no enemy coordination." Words that tell of utter enemy defeat.

# EISENHOWER

*The whole*

~~An old~~ strategic picture is presented by the

master strategist, General Eisenhower, <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ sketches ~~for~~

<sup>usa</sup> stupendous victory, but indicates that the fighting is not over yet. "I would say," says ~~General~~ Eisenhower,

"that the Germans, as a military force on the Western Front, are a whipped army, but that does not mean that

a front cannot be formed somewhere, ~~where our~~

~~maintenance is stretched to the limit, and where their defensive means can be brought to bear.~~ I believe,"

he explains, "that insofar as he is able, the German will stand and fight wherever we find him."

Where will he fight? Where can he fight?

General Eisenhower says there are two schools of thought.

One, as we have heard before, that the Nazi fanatics

will retire into the Alps. Another, that the Germans

will try to make their last stand at their seaports.

~~General~~ Eisenhower states that the German choice will

soon become apparent. If the Nazis intend to retire to the Alps, they will try to pivot their northern forces and retire southward to Bavaria. Signs of that should soon become evident, if it is their plan - General Eisenhower saying the German attempt to swing south to the mountains will have to come soon, if at all.

He cited<sup>s</sup><sub>A</sub> one fact for a final touch in the story of triumph for the Allies, and utter collapse for the Germans, on the Western Front. Eisenhower gave the loss incurred by two divisions of the American Ninth Army, the Thirtieth and Seventy-Ninth, during the first day of their offensive across the Rhine. The two divisions, consisting of probably thirty thousand men, lost a total of thirty-one.

## CHURCHILL

Reports from London are insistent that desperate German attempts for peace are being made. German ~~emissaries~~ emissaries, describing themselves as conservative and anti-Nazi, are making frantic efforts to get in touch with the Allies for an end of the war. In the House of Commons today, Prime Minister Churchill was asked about these rumors, and refused to reply either Yes or No. He would not state whether or not any peace approaches from Germany have been made. (~~Churchill spoke of what he called "the extremely rapid development of military events." And he went on to say that any suggestion of peace negotiations would be placed before the major Allies. Until then, they would not be brought up in Parliament.~~)

The reports about the Germans trying desperately for peace are accompanied by stories to indicate the absolute pessimism of the German military commanders.



There is, for example, Field Marshal Kesselring, appointed to be the new German commander on the Western Front - succeeding von Rundstedt, who is reported to be under arrest. We are told that Kesselring, several days ago, made an inspection trip along the fighting front, and found things in such shape that he was reluctant to accept the command. He is reported to have sent a memorandum to Hitler, and that was what caused Der Fuehrer to call an ~~EMERGENCY~~ emergency meeting of big shot Nazis at Berchtesgaden. We heard <sup>last night</sup> about this ~~emergency~~ get-together, ~~last night~~, Hitler meeting his gauleiters in emergency and alarm. And tonight the pictures is suggested of Der Fuehrer and his gauleiters contemplating the Kesselring memorandum on the state of affairs along the Western Front, and staring at each other in a panic.

A lot more news, but first a message from Stan. & Cal.

PEACE RUMORS

*That* wild peace rumor <sup>*that*</sup> swept the country today?

~~and~~ It was all based on a misinterpretation -- a misinterpretation of a remark made by <sup>*the new*</sup> presidential secretary, <sup>*Jonathan*</sup> Daniels at the White House. He was quoted as declaring that President Roosevelt had given an order-- "stand by for victory."

Actually - Secretary Daniels told the newspapermen that President Roosevelt had ordered American diplomats and Cabinet members to stay away from the forthcoming San Francisco Conference of the United Nations. ~~States~~ One reason being -- the shortage of transportation and housing, San Francisco expected to be jammed.

A newspaperman inquired whether the order had been given because of transportation and housing shortages, or really because of "the world situation?"

The presidential secretary, <sup>*who is succeeding Steve Early,*</sup> responded: "So far as the ambassadors and ministers to other countries are concerned, it is felt ~~at~~ this critical time ~~that~~ they ought to be on their own jobs."

## EASTERN FRONT

On the Eastern Front, the Russians have captured two German bastions in Lower Silesia. That province was overrun long ago by Red Army forces, but the Germans have been holding out with stubborn fanaticism at several places - Breslau, for example, the capital of Lower Silesia. Breslau apparently is still being defended, but two nearby fortresses have fallen.

And Soviet troops continue their advance from Hungary toward Austria, and are now within twenty miles of the Austrian border - on the road to Vienna.

*I wonder if they'll*  
~~who knows they might~~ find forces of the Western Allies there by the time they arrive?

~~The latest~~ *And* Russian troops are *tonight--* storming that great Baltic port.

## ADMIRAL KING

There is another sober warning that however triumphant the war in Europe may look, we have still the conflict with Japan. Navy Commander Admiral King stated today that in the war of the Pacific, we are ahead of expectations, but the hardest fighting is still to come. "We must constantly realize," says ~~Admiral~~ the Admiral, "that we are only now gaining a position from which we can assault the heart of the Japanese strength."

## SUBSTITUTE PHILIPPINES

American troops have landed on Cebu Island that's official now. The Japs told about the new ~~invasion~~ invasion earlier in the day, and this evening we have a confirmation from MacArthur. ~~He states that his forces went ashore on Cebu and promptly pushed up the east coast.~~ Jap resistance was only moderate, and the latest puts the Americans within two and a half miles of the capital city of the island.

Cebu, lying between Leyte and Panay, is the third largest island in the archipelago, and ~~is~~ the twenty-eighth island of the Philippines to be invaded.

The Japs continue to tell of American landings on Okinawa, in the Ryukyu Islands. The Tokyo story is that American warships and planes blasted the beaches with violent devastation, and then Americans landed in the face of heavy fighting. The Japs admit that our troops have won a foothold, and have established

beachheads - only three hundred and eighty miles from Japan proper, right at Japan's front door. From our side, there is no confirmation of this invasion - mere bulletins telling of violent bombardment.

And Japan proper has taken a pasting once again, hundreds of B-29s hitting the southernmost main island of Japan, Kyushu. The Japs have important war centers on Kyushu, and these have been targets for the Superfortresses.

## ARGENTINA

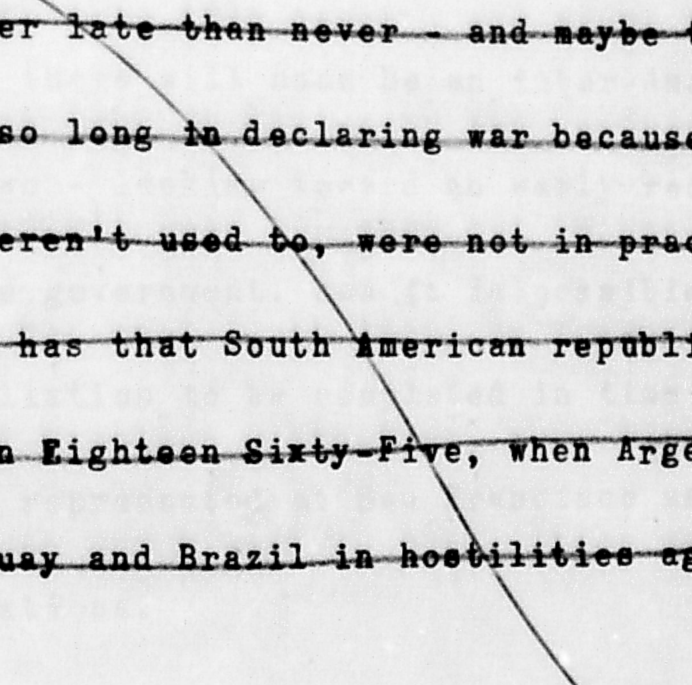
Well, Argentina <sup>did</sup> ~~had to~~ move fast <sup>didn't it? It</sup> ~~today~~ <sup>if that</sup> ~~was a case of, if that~~ South American republic didn't declare war quick <sup>ly,</sup> there mightn't be any war - not in Europe, anyway. Argentina rather looks like a man catching the last trolley just as it's leaving and he jumps on with his coat tails flying.

However, it all makes for hemisphere solidarity, I suppose,  
- Argentina having been for so long the one Latin-American country that refused to join the Western Hemisphere line-up against the Axis powers.

The Buenos Aires declaration of war was announced by President Edelmiro Farrell, and then elaborated on by the presidential secretary, whose voice shook with emotion, says the news dispatch - which would sound like the emotion of somebody who arrives horribly late for dinner, and is greeted by glares. He explained that the declaration of war, in his words - "brings the nation into collaboration with the sister republics of the

Americas." Which no doubt will be accepted by the sister republics, in sisterly fashion. That is - with a few side glances, the way Betty looks at Jane when they have to be nice to each other in public. *Well, better late than never.*

~~Well, better late than never - and maybe the Argentinos took so long in declaring war because it was something they weren't used to, were not in practice. Only once before has that South American republic declared war - that was in Eighteen Sixty-Five, when Argentina joined with Uruguay and Brazil in hostilities against~~  
*little*  
Paraguay.





ARGENTINA

In fact late news from Washington indicates that the attitude toward Argentina is likely to be one of - all is forgiven. The State Department issues an announcement welcoming the Argentine declaration of war, and states <sup>that</sup> that there will soon be an inter-American exchange of views - looking toward an early recognition of the Argentine government. ~~and~~ It is possible, we hear, for the reconciliation to be completed in time for Argentina to be represented at San Francisco as a member of the United Nations.

## GIRL

At Aurora, Illinois, if the authorities go through with their plans, they are going to have a strange and dramatic novelty in a criminal trial. The novelty will be the attorney for the defense. A girl will be tried for attempt to kill her mother, and before judge and jury she'll be defended - by her mother.

A few days ago, Mrs. Lottie Reynolds was asleep in her home, the gas stove was turned on, and she narrowly escaped death. Her sixteen year old daughter, Bernice, confessed. The girl said: "I wanted to see my sweetheart and my mother wouldn't let me." So she turned on the gas.

Today the mother made a plea to the state's attorney, asking that her daughter be set free - case dismissed. "She has been punished enough," argued the mother. The state's attorney rejected the plea, saying:

"The offense is a serious one, and it should be in the

hands of the grand jury." Whereupon the mother announced that when the girl is brought into court, she herself ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> act as attorney for the defense - pleading the case of the daughter who tried to kill her.

## CRIME

Down in Alabama there is a town called Paint Rock. I suppose it's like a thousand other small places - with just that something which makes people who have been born and raised there, and who have gone away, want to see the old home town again. That's how James Henshaw felt about it. He was sixty years old, and he hadn't seen Paint Rock for thirty-two years. ~~A~~ long time that; but there was one compelling reason why James Henshaw had never gone <sup>home.</sup> ~~back~~ Back in Nineteen Thirteen, when he was twenty-eight, he killed a man, in one of those old-time quarrels and shooting affrays. He <sup>was</sup> ~~had been~~ convicted, and sent to prison - from which, after six years, he escaped. He was never caught, and passed through middle age and into old age - a free man. But now, he wanted to see Paint Rock once again - see his old home town in Alabama before he died.

He was afraid - but he couldn't resist the

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desire, and back to Paint Rock he went. There he was promptly recognized by relatives of the man he had killed. They informed the authorities, and <sup>soon</sup> promptly James Henshaw was in town jail again, after thirty-two years -- the same old jail. Today he told how he had roamed far and wide as a fugitive, as far north as British Columbia - where he worked as a logger and a miner of silver, zinc and gold.

His story is one for the book about escaped prisoners who for years have lived ordinary lives and then are caught. Its dominant note is a fugitive's love for his native town, his native soil - and he had to go back. Something primordial, something important, something like patriotism. *Back to dear old Paint Rock.*

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*And now - back to you Hugh.*

Mar. 27 early bc.

The Japs continue to tell of an American invasion of ~~the~~ Okinawa <sup>in the Ryukyus.</sup> Islands, which lie to the southwest of Japan <sup>right at the door.</sup> Tokyo admits that American invasion troops have won a foothold, have landed under violent naval and air bombardment, and have established beachheads - only three hundred and eighty miles from Japan proper.

And the Americans have landed on Cebu, one of the big islands of the Philippines. This news we have, likewise, from Tokyo - which states that ~~fifteen hundred~~ of MacArthur's troops have invaded Cebu.

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 More word just in: — hundreds of B 29s blasting the southernmost main island of Japan — Kyushu.