

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

More spectacular victories in the News tonight!
The British and Canadians, our own troops, and the Fighting French, are on the rampage all over France, capturing city after city -- five in southern France alone.

The British contributed the most important strike when their armor rolled into Amiens ~~(Am-nya)~~ today. The next most important was the taking of Bordeaux by the Fighting French.

By the capture of Amiens, the British have outflanked the Nazis on the rocket coast; and if the enemy divisions there don't get out of the Calais area in a hurry, they'll be cut off.

We've known for some time that the Germans, lately, have been firing their buzzing rockets, on England, from Holland and Belgium. But not as

effectively as from right across, at Calais.

Second in importance only to the taking of Amiens is the possession of Bordeaux, which the French themselves took today.

Eisenhower released a statement tonight in which he reported that the Allies in western France are way ahead of schedule. Which helps explain the disintegration of the enemy. Eisenhower tells us that his troops have destroyed the 'cream of the German army. That since D-Day, they have inflicted more than four hundred thousand casualties on the Germans; have liquidated some twenty German infantry divisions and five armored divisions; have cut up twelve more of their infantry divisions, together with six ~~panzer~~ panzer columns.

Along the French coast, four more divisions of Nazis ^{are} ~~are~~ reported cut off.

And then in the air, ^{war,} since D-Day, three thousand, five hundred and forty-five Nazi planes have been destroyed in the air and on the ground. In Ike's own words, Allied aircraft have

administered a fearful beating to the Luftwaffe. And he said this in credit to the air arm, I quote: "It is my conviction that except for this aerial preparation, including ^{the} prolonged campaign against the transportation system of northwestern Europe, the venture could not have been logically undertaken." And he continues: "The air support of the ground forces has been most effective. Supply and maintenance services have performed miracles."

Eisenhower then went on to indicate that the Nazis lost out in this complete fashion because they hazarded everything upon the ^{entire effort to} ~~odds of~~ ~~containing~~ the Allied invasion forces in the Normandy peninsula. They sacrificed the lives of their own men desperately, said Eisenhower; ^{using} ~~They used~~ their entire ~~Third Army~~ Seventh Army, plus the best elements of two more. That German Seventh Army and the newly formed Fifth Panzer Army

have been decisively defeated. Three field marshals and one army commander have been either dismissed or been incapacitated by wounds; one German army commander, three corps commanders, fifteen divisional commanders, and one fortress commander have been either killed or captured.

Eisenhower

~~He~~ also announced that the field command of all the American armies in northern France had been entrusted to Lieutenant General Omar Bradley, who ^{is now} ~~thus becomes~~ on an

equal footing with ~~Sir Bernard~~ Montgomery, who is in command of the British and Canadians. *Eisenhower* ~~He~~ emphasized the

fact that this is not a demotion of Montgomery, ^{and that} ~~because~~ this ~~move~~ ^d has been planned since January. London ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

announced that the British War Office has raised Monty of El Alamein to the rank of Field Marshal as of September First.

Eisenhower's headquarters announced that the British have made General Patton and Major General Monton Eddy Honorary Companions of the Most Honorable

Order of the Bath. Three other Yank generals received decorations as Commanders of the Order of the British Empire. — *but they didn't get the bath.*

Back in Washington, Assistant Secretary of War Patterson held a press conference in which he supplemented Eisenhower's report. On the bright side, Patterson told newspapermen that the fast rolling tanks of General Patton's columns are receiving their fuel through pipelines which are being laid over the soil of France at the incredible rate of seventy miles a day. This has been a major factor in keeping supplies moving.

Patterson also reported that when the Allies came to a x river, and the Nazis had destroyed the bridges, we had pre-fabricated bridges ready to throw across the streams in almost no time.

The Allies are moving vast quantities of supplies into France through Cherbourg and smaller ports, and it will not be long before they have the great harbor of Le Havre. *And of course Bordeaux is now in their hands.*

On the grim side, Patterson announced that our casualties have increased considerably in the last few weeks. The total number for all our armies since December, Nineteen Forty-One, is two hundred and eighty-four thousand, eight hundred and thirty-eight killed, wounded, missing and prisoners of war. The Navy, Marine and Coast Guard have a total of fifty-eight thousand, three hundred and fifty-three casualties.

Now for the details of the invasion, north and south. Uncle Sam's First Army has crossed the River Meuse and is now in the Ardennes Forest, that historic gap at the Belgian border where so many crucial fights have been waged. The Yanks of the First smashed the last German defenses in that part of northern France and broke through ^{for an advance of} ~~and advanced~~ fifty miles. Late this afternoon came word that the Yank First Army have captured the historic frontier fortress of Sedan, the scene of the

Prussian

great ~~German~~ victory in Eighteen Seventy, also

Charleville and Metz

Charlesville and Mezieres. The men under General Hodges

are obviously on their way along the historic route for

armies, a road that leads through the ^{Ardennes} ~~Argonne~~ Forest

past the Belgian fortresses of ~~Beige~~ ^{LIEGE} and Namur to the

banks of the Rhine and Cologne.

As for Patton's men, they rolled ahead from Chalons and are now at the Argonne Forest, where the Yanks of Nineteen Eighteen achieved their greatest victory.

The Third Army under Patton is in a race with retreating Nazi columns, an obvious effort to get between them and the German border. According to the underground French radio, Patton has captured Verdun, where the French army under Petain withstood the German attack for so many costly and bloody months in the last war. If that is true, Patton is only fifty miles from the border of the Saar District.

ADD LEAD

Returning to the First Army for a moment, the late news indicates it has reached the old French Maginot Line at Sedan, in fact has broken into the line.

of the Gulf of Lyons, and have taken Neapollier.

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Frank's Tanks have accomplished the capture of Wien.

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trying, trying to reach the Iron Gate, but instead of

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valley, out off their escape. The capture of 3 German

planes that were shot down a short distance from

the Spanish border. *While* *the* *planes* *were* *being* *shot* *down*

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SOUTHERN FRANCE

In the south, the French divisions under General de Lattre de Tassigny have accomplished a blitz drive westward from Marseille, along the shores of the Gulf of Lyons, and have taken Montpellier, Beziers and Narbonne. In the other direction, General Patch's Yanks have accomplished the capture of Nice. *Gen.*

Tassigny met with no strong resistance along the eighty-two miles of his advance since Tuesday. This is taken to mean that the Nazis are withdrawing completely from southwestern France, *on the run,* and ~~flying for all they are~~ ~~would~~ trying to reach the Lyon gate, two hundred miles northeast, before the Americans pushing up the Rhone Valley, cut off their escape. The capture of Narbonne

places Tassigny's Frenchmen only a short distance from the Spanish border. *A later dispatch reports that Patch's men are driving East along the Riviera towards Ventimiglia on the Italian side.*

Italian side. Patch's men driving up the valley of the

Valahoe

Rhone have stromed through Valence, only fifty-six miles

to the south of Lyon. The highway along the east bank of the road is littered with the wreckage of German motor vehicles, artillery and other munitions. There are some indications that the Nazis intend to attempt a desperate stand at Lyon, but the Berlin news agency reports the Americans have already reached that city of silk. The Nazis claim that their garrison in Lyon has destroyed the French forces inside the city.

^{TP} Earlier in the week, we heard that the French were in complete control of Lyon.

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- and then more news.

RUSSIA

And now come our Soviet allies with another victory. Stalin announced this afternoon that the advance guards of the Red armor has broken the German lines north of Bucharest, and is now inside the city itself. There it has joined up with the Rumanians rebelling against Nazi rule.

The Second Army of the Ukraine left the oilfields and the refineries of Ploesti in flames. The Nazis had drawn a strong ring of troops around Bucharest. But it crumbled under the shock of the Soviet armored columns. Moscow announces that Bucharest is virtually set free and ~~that~~ that the Reds have restored communications with the outside world. Incidentally, it has broken German communications.

~~But that is not all. Further north, another Red army has captured Radzynin, only eleven miles northeast of Praga, the industrial suburb of Warsaw on the east bank of the Vistula.~~

Polish patriots inside Warsaw report that one district in the northern section of ~~that~~ city is a mass of flames. ~~General Bor, commander of the patriots, still has his headquarters in the city and reports that~~ Fighting continues in the old city, ~~although the~~ Germans ~~have~~ captured ~~several blocks and three~~ streets.

Another dispatch ~~to~~ ^{from} Moscow brings word that patrols of the Third White Russian Army are already operating in East Prussia, beyond the ~~Szessuppe~~ River, ~~that~~ ^{which} separates Prussia from Poland.

PARIS

A correspondent in Paris tonight reports an interview with none other than P.G. Wodehouse, the ^(Woodhouse) celebrated author of Jeeves and so many other hilarious ~~characters.~~ ^{characters.} Wodehouse explained his broadcasts over the Nazi radio after he was taken prisoner -- those ~~xxxx~~ broadcasts which brought such a storm of criticism on his head. These were his words:

"I suppose all authors are half-witted;" and he continues, "It may sound idiotic, but it never occurred to me that it would be held against me if I used the German radio to reply to the dozens of letters I received from American readers after I was interned in Germany."

The Nazis first took Wodehouse to Berlin. He had plenty of money because of royalties due him from the German translations of his books. They treated him well, allowed him to move after a while to the estate of a friend in the Hartz Mountains, and later to Paris. Mrs. Wodehouse was not interned but was allowed to go to Lyons. He had no idea he'd got

himself in wrong with all his ^{fans} ~~friends~~ until Mrs. Wodehouse joined him. He is going to ask permission to return to England and square himself with the British government.

You will recall that we heard the other day that the French in Paris had arrested Maurice Chevalier, the once popular musical comedy and cinema star.

The Nazis today claim that the Maquis had beaten Chevalier to death. But there is no confirmation of that story.

GERMANY

The Government of the United States has already taken steps in expectation of the approaching collapse of Germany. It has ordered Diplomat Robert Murphy to London to plan a military regime for the control of the Reich.

The Germans today acknowledged the revolts against their armies of occupation in the Balkans.

ROOSEVELT

Heads

another

The Allied ~~Chiefs~~ of State are going to have a conference, *quite* soon, in Quebec. That means, President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and the Chiefs of Staff. Stalin will not be there. But the Washington belief is he will be represented ^{as usual} by Molotov.

This news came tonight from Washington but it has been the matter of common gossip in political circles for several days, though of course nothing could be said about it publicly until now. There was even a rumor that King George and Queen Elizabeth would visit Canada while the conference was going on.

But that may be ~~just political scuttle but gossip~~ ^{*mere rumor*} for the story from Washington says nothing about ^{*it*} ~~that~~

The Washington dispatch reports that the conference will be purely about military subjects, [^] on a scale much smaller than the last meeting in Quebec a year ago when the British had four hundred military and diplomatic experts and the Americans two hundred.

Political commentators tonight pointed out cynically that the Quebec conference, as a matter of news value ^{may} ~~will effectively~~ blanket the news of the Republican political campaign which will begin next week.

VETERANS

It will depend upon the governments of the
of the Union
various states, how much veterans and unemployed war
workers receive after the victory is won. A measure was
before the House today which would have given the power
over unemployment benefits to the federal government,
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~~and~~ would have provided twenty-five dollars a week for
unemployed
war workers, thirty-five for veterans. But the House
turned it down, by a vote of a hundred and eighty-eight
to fifty-four.

CHEMISTS

There will be a serious shortage of chemists in the United States during the next twenty-five years. So say some of the heads of the American Chemical Society. The charge is that the government has followed a near-sighted policy by permitting the wholesale drafting of scientific experts, graduate chemists and under-graduate students. The report says that the effects will be felt in all types of industry. The development of new processes and new formulas will be retarded because it will take a quarter of a century to train new men to make up the shortage.

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N.A.M.

The other day Sidney Hillman, Chairman of the Political Action Committee of the C.I.O., told a committee of Congressmen investigating him, that they should investigate also the National Association of Manufacturers. The President of the Association appeared before the Committee today and told the Congressmen that the N.A.M. does not contribute a cent to political campaigns in either primaries or general elections, and uses no other means or influence in behalf of any candidates.

COMET

Here is news from the heavens; not from Heaven - not yet. It concerns the cavorting of a gigantic comet. It is also a matter of human interest because it will affect millions of people in South America and North Africa.

The news comes from an astronomer in Bogota, capital of Colombia, whose observations tell him that this comet is now racing across the skies into the constellation of Capricorn. Before long it will pass between the Earth and Mars. As a result of which there will be earthquakes and high tides in the southern parts of the Western Hemisphere and also in the north of Africa.

This scientist ~~gives~~ goes so far as to predict that the earthquakes will occur in southern Chile and will open huge gaps in the earth, fissures thousands of yards long.

And now ^o H - a prediction or something from you.

ITALY

From Italy we have news of another victory by the Polish contingent of the British Eighth Army. They have ~~xx~~ forged ahead along the Adriatic coast and captured ~~Riviera~~ **PESARO**, the seaport some miles above Ancona. They will soon be at ~~hand~~-grips with the Nazi forces in the heavily fortified Gothic line.

STRIKES

More strikes in coal fields, outlaw strikes.

More than nine thousand men have stopped work at seventeen mines in central Pennsylvania. This means a shortage of coal amounting to forty-six thousand tons a day.

President Roosevelt tonight instructed Secretary Ickes to take possession of seven of those coal mines.