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Court Hears 'Monty' Grab Denounced

Ward Counsel Demands Injunction Be Quashed; Biddle Upholds Seizure

CHICAGO, May 2—Contending that no similar action had been taken "since the days of King John," counsel for Montgomery Ward and Co. yesterday attacked government seizure of the firm's Chicago plant as without legal foundation and appealed to a Federal Court to quash a temporary injunction restraining the company from interference with U.S. operation of the plant.

Appearing in person in the crammed courtroom of Judge William H. Holly to defend the government's action, Attorney General Francis Biddle countered by declaring that President Roosevelt "has a great Constitutional reserve of power as commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy," that his authority was sufficient to place the facilities in federal hands, and that "no business of any kind is immune from that power."

Basis for the legal argument was Biddle's petition for a permanent restraining order. The jurist issued a temporary order last Thursday night, and the company countered with a motion to dismiss it.

Might Bring Eviction Action

If the court quashed the order it would pave the way for a company suit to evict the government operators of the plant and effect the return of Sewell Avery, president and board chairman of the mail-order firm, who was ejected forcibly when troops took over his offices.

The litigation was watched closely throughout the entire country as a test of the President's power. The White House ordered the seizure after Avery refused to obey a War Labor Board directive to extend a contract with a CIO union.

Harold Smith, a Ward lawyer, asserted at the hearing that Biddle "hasn't been able to put his finger on a single statutory provision that justifies the seizure." Biddle insisted the President, under the War Labor Disputes Act, had a right and duty to put the plant under federal management to prevent a spread of wartime labor disturbances, and he submitted that Ward's business was essential to the general war program.

Meanwhile, Rep. Eugene Cox (D.-Ga.), ranking member of the House Rules Committee, said he had been "assured" that the group would report to the full membership of the House tomorrow a resolution for investigation of the seizure.

An investigator sent to Chicago by the Senate Judiciary Committee was expected to return to Washington Wednesday, and Chairman Pat McCarran (D.-Nev.) predicted that prompt committee action would follow his report.

McCarran said, "The question uppermost in the minds of Congress is, are we preserving a government by law which is basic to this form of democracy, or are we by any misinterpretation or overstep forgetting that we are a government by law and attempting to set up a government of men."

Rep. Clare Hoffman (R.-Mich.) introduced legislation today which would require that a plant such as Montgomery Ward have at least 50 per cent of its output definitely classed as war material before the government might seize it to end a labor dispute.

21 Nazis Caught Escaping From Denmark Executed

STOCKHOLM, May 2 (AP)—Twenty German soldiers and one officer, caught Saturday by a German patrol boat while trying to escape in a fishing smack from Helsingor, in Denmark, to Sweden, were immediately executed, Free Danish Press Service reported.

The War Today

Air War—Liberators bomb Pas de Calais, fleets of other U.S. mediums, lights and fighter-bombers attack France and Belgium transport in 18th day of pre-invasion blitz; blows follow RAF assaults on occupied territory and Germany itself.

Russia—Russians' bomber attacks on Brest Litovsk increase speculation on possible direct smash across Poland; stepped-up attacks on Sebastopol anticipated by Germans.

Pacific—Americans pummel Japs who have fled into hills of New Guinea; 677 killed in one sector alone; warships patrolling coast to prevent escape by sea sink four Japanese ships.

Pyle, GI Joe of Correspondents, Honored for His Soldier Stories

Gets Pulitzer Prize, But Regards Infantryman's Praise Equal Tribute

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Ernie Pyle, Scripps-Howard columnist for more than 300 newspapers, who recently arrived in London from Italy, yesterday received two messages.

One told the diminutive gray-haired newsman he had been awarded a Pulitzer Prize for "distinguished correspondence during the year." The other, contained in a letter written by an American infantryman at Anzio to a friend in the U.S. and forwarded to Pyle, described the GI Joe of war correspondents as "the best reporter in the whole damn world" and wondered "how a dried-up, little guy like that gets around so much."

Pyle wasn't sure which of the tributes he appreciated most.

The 43-year-old newsman, who probably has filed more copy on the American soldier at the front than any four others, was one of five named for the Pulitzer Prize awards.

The others were Daniel DeLuca of the Associated Press, who reported from Poland, Greece, Burma, North Africa, Italy and Yugoslavia, for "a distinguished example of telegraphic reporting on international affairs"; AP's Frank Filan for photography on the war fronts, Henry J. Haskell for editorials in The Kansas City



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Ernie Pyle

Star, and author Martin Flavin for his novel, "Journey in the Dark."

Byron Price, director of press censorship in Washington, was given special mention for "creation and administration of a newspaper and radio code."

Probably the smallest of war corre-

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Brest Litovsk Bombing Swells Speculation on Poland Drive

Soviet mass bombing of the important junction of Brest Litovsk, following attacks on Lwow and German supply points behind the central front, increased speculation yesterday that the Russians have begun a systematic softening-up campaign in preparation for a full-scale assault on the shortest route to Berlin—straight across Poland.

In the absence of striking developments on land, Soviet communiques

again were terse and unrevealing, but German reports forecast a heavier offensive at Sebastopol and spoke of flareups in the fighting around Vitebsk, the German base on the north-central sector, in the Polotsk area in northern White Russia, and north of Jassy in Rumania.

Moscow dispatches said Russian troops were steadily driving the Germans back into the Carpathian foothills in spite of efforts by freshly-brought-up German reserves, including tanks and self-propelled guns, to stabilize the front. The enemy was said to be launching repeated counter-attacks in the entire area from the Czechoslovak frontier southward into Rumania.

Soviet reporters said the Germans were suffering heavy losses, particularly in the Jassy area, where 600 were killed in 24 hours.

Russian long-range bombers striking at Brest Litovsk, a key junction on the road to Warsaw, battered troop trains loaded with troops and ammunition.

East and north of Sebastopol the Russians were said to be concentrating strong forces of heavy artillery. Col. Ernst von Hammer, military commentator of the German News Agency, reporting reinforcement of the Red air force in the Crimea, said "it must be expected that large-scale attacks will be resumed in the very near future."

Raiders Bag Crete Chief

CAIRO, May 2—British officers raiding Crete a few days ago captured and evacuated Gen. Kreipe, commander of the German 22nd Panzer division, it was announced officially.

Briton Cites U.S. Contracts To Help the Soviet Rebuild

American business has enough contracts for rebuilding Russia's industry to "keep the whole U.S. machinery keyed up after the war," Ellis Smith, Labor member of Parliament, told Commons this week, inquiring "why Britain was left behind."

He said Americans had signed contracts amounting to approximately \$2,500,000,000 to supply the Soviet with machine tools and commodities.

Slavs Save U.S. Fliers

Eight American airmen shot down over Yugoslavia have been rescued by Partisans, Marshal Tito said yesterday in an order of the day.

18th Day of Blitz Sees New Blows at Calais And Nazi Transport

In Britain Seven Days, He's Been on 5 Raids

A LIBERATOR BASE, May 2—Sgt. Denis Brookshier, of Sentinel, Okla., has been in Britain for seven days—and he has flown five missions as a Liberator engineer-gunner, including a trip to Berlin, and has won his Air Medal.

Actually, Brookshier did not start percolating until three days after his arrival from the United States, when he was assigned to a bomber.

He compressed his five missions into four days—flying twice on his seventh day in the country.

Without-Loss U.S. Raids Come After RAF Assaults

The furious Allied aerial offensive which is slowly raising the curtain for the greatest drama of the war was carried through its 18th straight day yesterday as fleets of heavies, mediums and fighter-bombers hit targets, mainly railway centers, in France and Belgium.

Some 200 Liberators pummeled objectives in the Pas de Calais; an equal number of Marauders and Havocs attacked three railway centers, and fighter-bombers of the Ninth struck at other railway targets. Not one of the bombers or the fighters which escorted them in large numbers was lost.

In 24 hours the Nazi transportation system serving the Channel ports had suffered 27 individual blows, including widespread attacks at night by the RAF. Not one enemy plane rose to oppose the Liberator force as, shepherded by Eighth Air Force Thunderbolts and Mustangs, it cascaded its load of explosives on coastal installations.

Both the American and British air forces yesterday released the official figures for their operations in April—the biggest month of aerial warfare in history.

USSTAF: 43,000 Tons

The USSTAF dropped more than 43,500 tons, almost all on Luftwaffe installations. Twenty-nine German aircraft factories were hit, as were numerous air-dromes and aircraft parks. Destruction of 450 enemy aircraft on the ground was confirmed by gun cameras; at least 1,282 were destroyed in aerial battles. U.S. losses in 36,000 sorties were 537 bombers, less than three per cent, and 191 fighters, just over one per cent.

In the Berlin attack last Saturday, USSTAF said, the Reich Air Ministry was set afire and there was severe damage in several districts, numerous government buildings around the Air Ministry also being hit, as well as the Tempelhof marshalling yards.

RAF Bomber Command set a record in April by dropping 33,000 tons of bombs on Germany and enemy targets in the occupied countries—6,000 tons more than the previous high of 27,000 in March.

The Air Ministry's announcement said that more bombers had been sent over Europe in April than in any previous month, and the bomb tonnage dropped in a single night rose to a figure over 4,500 tons—in the 1,000-plus bomber raid on Cologne and French and Belgian railway yards Apr. 20-21.

Airfield Also Hit

In a continuation of the blows struck against rail centers in France and Belgium which serve Channel ports the fighter-bombers, escorted by other Ninth Air Force Thunderbolts and Mustangs, dive-bombed Tergnier, Le Mans and Aulnoye, in north France, and Namur, in Belgium. An airfield on the Belgium-Holland border also was raided by other P51s.

Rail centers in north France also were struck by a force of Ninth Air Force

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Spain Knuckles Under; Reduces Nazis' Wolfram Exports of Ore to Reich Slashed in Compromise Deal With Allies

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The State Department announced today a compromise agreement with Spain, cutting Spanish wolfram shipments to Germany to virtual token supplies which, it was implied, may be blocked completely when Allied forces invade the Continent.

The U.S. accepted the compromise at the insistence of the British, who are said to rely on Spain for certain war supplies. Points agreed to were: 1—In May and June Spain may export not more than 22 tons of the vital tungsten ore to Germany monthly. 2—For the rest of 1944 not more than 40 tons monthly may be sent. 3—Allied-designated Axis agents are to be expelled from Spain, Spanish Morocco and Tangier. 4—The German consulate and other Axis agencies in Tangier are to be closed. 5—Five of the seven Italian merchant ships now in Spain are to be released immediately; disposition of the two others and of Italian warships in Spanish waters are to be submitted to arbitration. 6—All Spanish forces to be withdrawn from the Russian front. (Spain claims this already has been effected.) 7—Anglo-American oil embargo on Spain to be lifted immediately with the resumption of the old quotas of 48,000 tons of bulk oil from the Caribbean monthly for metropolitan Spain, 13,000 tons for the colonies and 15,000 tons of packaged petroleum products from the U.S.

Ritter Gets Mideast Post

CAIRO, May 2—Col. William L. Ritter, of Providence, R.I., who commanded an infantry regiment in the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, has been named U.S. chief of staff in the Middle East to succeed Col. Clyde D. Keith, appointed to head Middle East Service Command.

Two Forts Claim 16 of 72 Nazis Shot Down in Last Berlin Raid

Two lone Flying Fortress crews yesterday reported between them the destruction of 16 of the 72 German fighters shot down in furious battles over Berlin Saturday by raiding B17s and B24s.

The crews of both the Barbara B, piloted by 1/Lt. William B. Clark, of Beach Creek, Ky., and an unnamed Fort piloted by 1/Lt. John M. Gibbons, of Jefferson City, Mo., claimed their guns bagged eight Nazi aircraft.

Three gunners each claimed two planes apiece. They were S/Sgt. Albert V. Bauman, Barbara B bombardier from Fremont, Ohio, and T/Sgt. John Urdia, of Mansfield, Ohio, and S/Sgt. W. C. Nicholas, of Callam Bay, Wash., respectively top turret gunner and right waist gunner on the other Fort.

Barbara B's crewmen took their toll of the Luftwaffe in "40 minutes of hell over Berlin." According to Clark, 125 to 150 "crazy Nazi fighters" swept in, knocking out the number four engine. Later, number three engine went, too.

However, the savage German assault was stopped as in rapid succession kills

were scored by Bauman, 2/Lt. Dexter Schleusener, navigator, Pender, Neb.; T/Sgt. Johnny W. Colston, tail gunner, Ada, Okla.; S/Sgt. Robert Carmen, right waist gunner, Baltimore; S/Sgt. Edward Leach, ball turret gunner, Fall River, Mass., and S/Sgt. William J. Simpson, top turret gunner, Buffalo, N.Y. Even the radio operator, T/Sgt. Henry A. Sanders, Pittsburgh, shot a ship into pieces.

About 60 German fighters flew in formation parallel to Gibbons' Fortress before pressing home their first attack. Urdia and the ball turret gunner, S/Sgt. Clyde G. Chastain, of Attalla, Ala., broke up that assault, each shooting down a plane.

Then, with the two wing Forts shot down on either side of the lead plane, the Germans attacked in waves. Another victory was scored by Urdia; two by Nicholas, and one each by S/Sgt. G. W. Minton, tail gunner, Brownsville, Tex.; 2/Lt. Joseph M. Teixeira Jr., navigator, Fall River, Mass., and 1/Lt. Ralph Pittman, bombardier, Mayfield, Ky.

WARWEEK Appears First Time Tomorrow

WARWEEK, a new feature section, makes its appearance in The Stars and Stripes tomorrow. It will be a regular Thursday supplement of the paper, replacing the former Feature Section.

WARWEEK will be bright, breezy, informative. It will combine very important and serious material, such as the types of weapons the Germans use, and how they use them, with lighter material such as helpful hints on how to make a K-Ration fit to eat.

Tomorrow's edition of WARWEEK tells an illustrated story of what the average Nazi soldier is like, how he thinks, how he is trained and how well he fights. Illustrated maps of the world's war zones, a cartoon picture-quiz on your knowledge of combat German and half a page of practical battle-tips for GIs complete the four-page section.

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Deserting the Axis

In a small, barely furnished room in the heart of Stockholm sits the world's loneliest and probably most frightened member of the Japanese Embassy in Berlin. Sakuma, trade expert and until 1943 Japanese diplomat. He is Professor S. Sakuma, reports Ralph Hawkins of the Daily Mail. He is the first Japanese of the Axis since Pearl Harbor, assigned to Berlin to work out a plan whereby German-Japanese trade could be made complementary after the war, he fled to Sweden when his intimate knowledge of German wartime industry led him to declare that "the Axis cannot win the war—German industry cannot match the arsenals of the west."

A Russian Helps Us

Disclosure of the news that American Thunderbolts are being delivered to the Russian Air Force is, on the surface, just another example of mutual aid. But to Alexander Kartvel, designer of the plane, it is a satisfying climax to a highly successful career. Son of a magistrate in the Georgian city of Tiflis in the Caucasus, Kartvel served as an artillery officer in World War I, was an artillery officer with a leg orderly room clerk at a Scout carrier base who still carries a Boy Scout handbook. In 1927 he visited Kartvel in the form of Charles Levine, the famous flying junkman who flew to Germany in the plane piloted by Clarence Chamberlin. Levine, who was eager to make a career of being a transatlantic hero, saw Kartvel's designs for a transatlantic Russian as his personal plane designer and paid his passage to America. Kartvel became an airplane designer in Seversky hired him in 1931. His first success was the P-35 pursuit ship, designed for the Army. When the time came for the Army to demand a pursuit ship that could fly higher, faster and for longer distances than any plane then on hand, Kartvel—faithfully every night and attempts to book around with him. He studies it and a pursuit ship that could fly into the P-47. It was a daring plane in many ways and its designing presented numerous complicated problems—how to dissipate the tremendous heat of the engine without dissipating the energy; how to honeycomb the wing to house the retracted wheels, ammunition and guns; how to adjust the supercharger. But the plane was ready to fly a few months after the Army first asked for a design on it. Talking about the P-47, which has more than lived up to expectations, its designer will comment in his broken accent, "Yess, nice plane, but eet is too beeg!" If, however, anybody tells him that his airplane is very pretty his face lights up and he looks almost happy. Today Alexander Kartvel is happy. His Thunderbolts, are serving in his adopted country, and serving in the defense of his native land.

Investment Justified

The huge Willow Run plant, operated by Henry Ford near Detroit, is now turning out one four-engine bomber an hour, an announcement approved by the War Department. This includes day-away jobs as well as knock-down for final assembly elsewhere. An earlier War Department announcement revealed that 3,000 Liberator four-engine bombers have been turned out at Willow Run, with approximately two-thirds of this number built in the last eight months. Mass plane production, once labeled impossible by self-styled experts, justifies the time and expense involved in the development of Willow Run. And what can be done there in time of war to produce military equipment can be duplicated in the days of peace to provide the comforts and luxuries of life. Willow Run may yet play an important part in brightening the future of millions of American families.

Hash Marks

So help us, there's a Lb group over here that claims their bombs are good to the last drop—and they've got reconnaissance photos to prove it, too. Lt. Bob Wilson tells us about the new driver at his motor pool who claims: "It's not the work we enjoy—it's the people we run into!" Judging from a report from Lt. Robert W. Stevens, there's one unit (at least) over here that has super-duper discipline. In a small, barely furnished room in the heart of Stockholm sits the world's loneliest and probably most frightened member of the Japanese Embassy in Berlin. Sakuma, trade expert and until 1943 Japanese diplomat. He is Professor S. Sakuma, reports Ralph Hawkins of the Daily Mail. He is the first Japanese of the Axis since Pearl Harbor, assigned to Berlin to work out a plan whereby German-Japanese trade could be made complementary after the war, he fled to Sweden when his intimate knowledge of German wartime industry led him to declare that "the Axis cannot win the war—German industry cannot match the arsenals of the west."



Today this expert lives in fear of the Black Dragon Society of Japan and of its no less interested Nazi counterpart, the Gestapo; for he has offered to place his special knowledge at the disposal of the Allies. It is interesting to note that while he admits Japanese militarists may well be called the "Prussians of the Orient," he keenly resents the fact that the Japanese Embassy in Berlin regards criticism of the Fuehrer, the Nazi regime or the Wehrmacht, the comments: "One must know one's ally's weaknesses as well as his strength." That one sentence expresses the true importance of Sakuma. He is important, not as an informant, but as a symbol of the entire Japanese people—all the fancy uniforms, I've got and wear when I hit the States I'm going to put on, Lord, chief of staff to the Deputy Commander, ETO. The other, first warrant officer to be appointed in the ETO, WACs, is W/O Nana M. Rae, secretary to Gen. Eisenhower, who was given her bars two weeks previously. Miss Rae has been on the staff of the Supreme Commander since the days of the first WAC contingent to land in North Africa, and still recalls the first morning she took dictation from the general. "When he took to his feet and started pacing round the room, I felt my period visits to Scotland. Miss Bosworth, a sergeant, before her promotion, has been stationed in London since 1943. In an article she wrote at that time she



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ETO Now Has a Pair of WACs

Two of the 4,000 WACs in the ETO are entitled to be called "Miss" without picture men walking into the room; to stated: "It is interesting to see the pin-up girl at the records of Sgt. Sue Sarahan, of Detroit. W/O (lg) Nana M. Rae, of New York, secretary to Gen. Eisenhower, pauses for her typing to check a dispatch for Cpl. Pearl M. Hargrove (center), of Pflugger Minn., a driver, and the records of Sgt. Sue Sarahan, of Detroit. U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo



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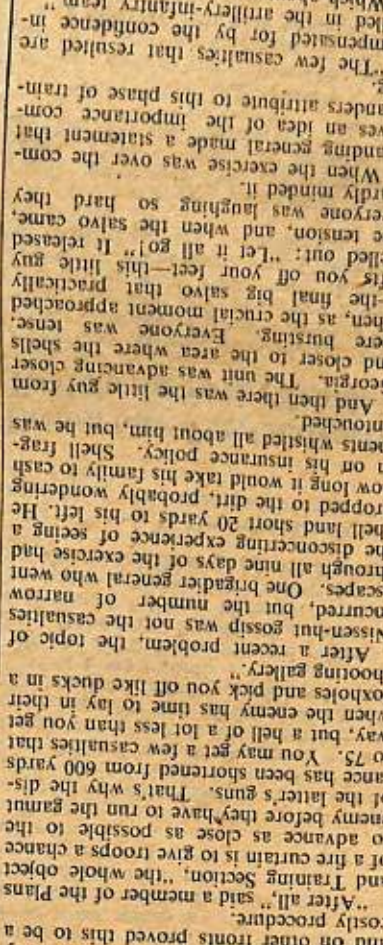
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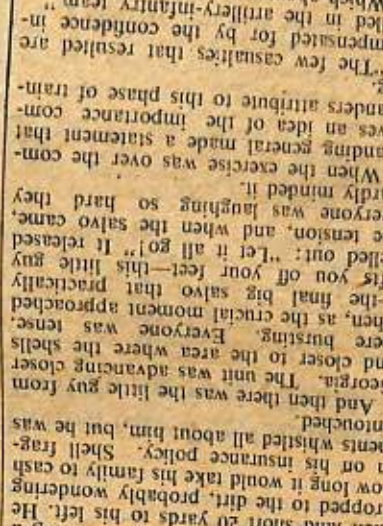
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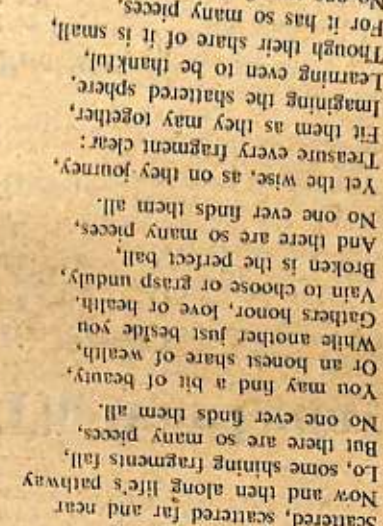
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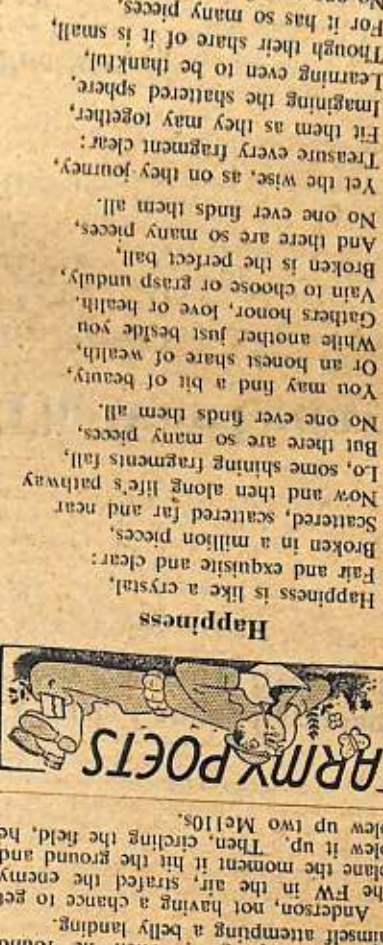
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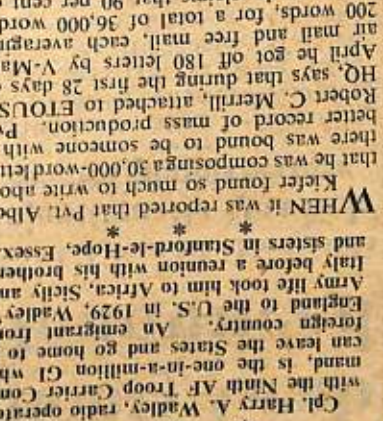
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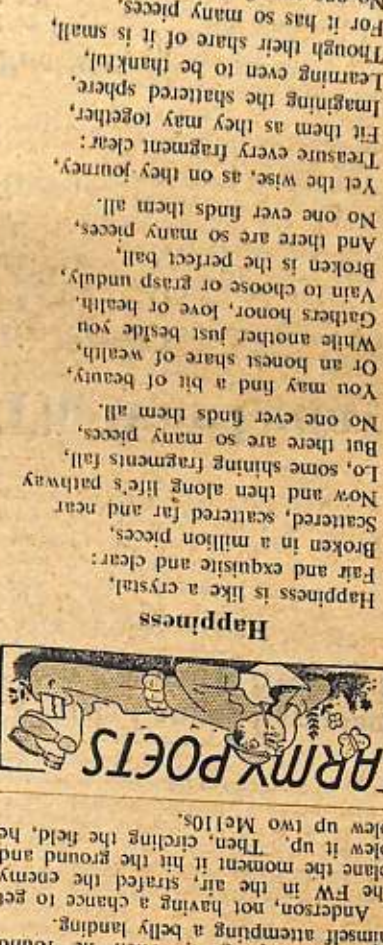
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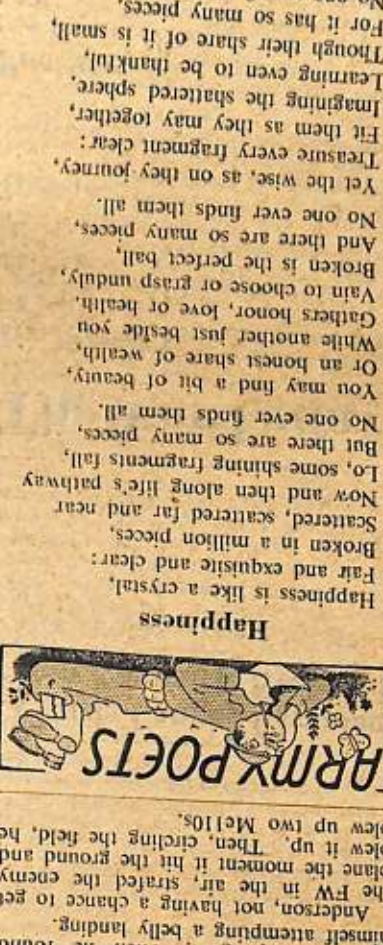
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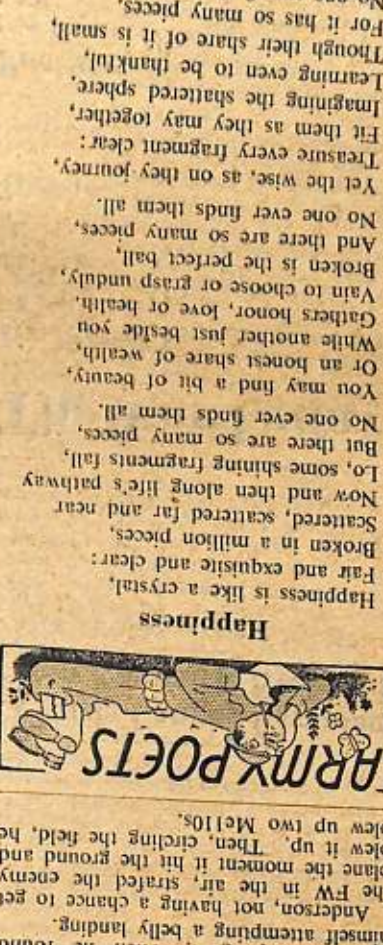
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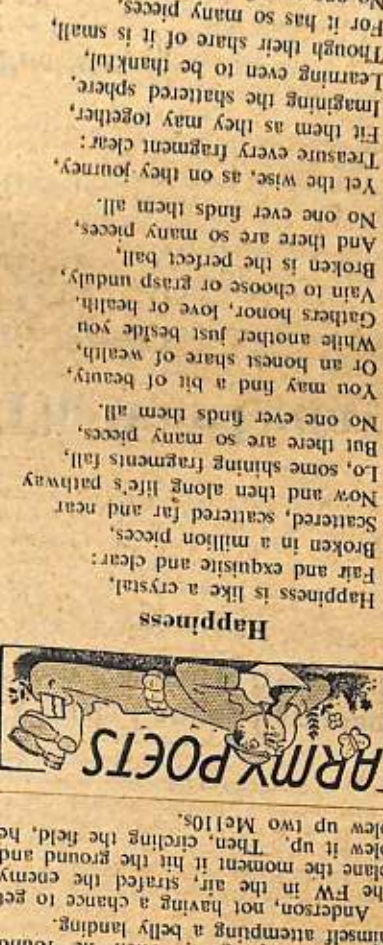
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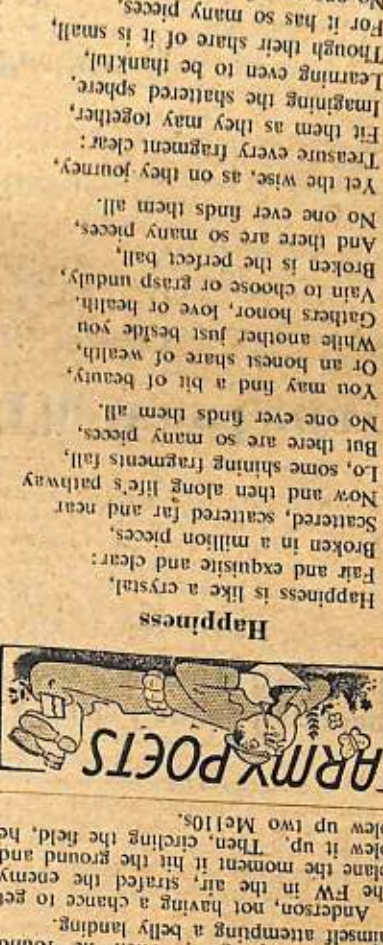
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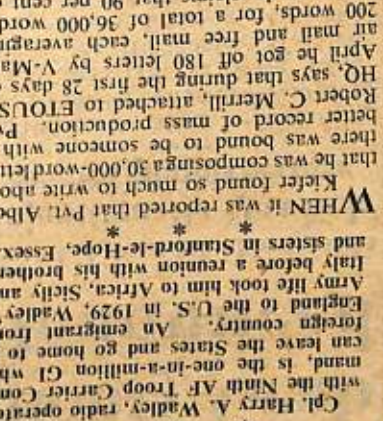
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One Horse 'Race' With All Bets Off



Associated Press Photo

All a'one, Star of Padula covers the six furlongs at Jamaica before a crowded grandstand. Other horses failed to enter when grooms went on strike, but Jimmy Richie led Star of Padula to the starting line. All wagers for the event and daily double were refunded.

Wilson Quits Cub Post; No Successor Chosen Yet

Roy Johnson Temporarily In Charge; Jimmy Has No Squawks

CHICAGO, May 2—Jimmy Wilson, manager of the Chicago Cubs since 1941, resigned today after a confab with Jim Gallagher, general manager, and Owner Phil Wrigley. Coach Roy Johnson will direct the team until Wilson's successor is named.



Jimmy Wilson

The confab, which resulted in Wilson's decision, was called by Wrigley to diagnose the club's shortcomings. After winning their opener from the Cincinnati Reds, 3-0, the Bruins nose-dived and are currently in the throes of a nine-game losing streak, although the team figured to do much better.

"If you can't win in baseball, you'd better get out," Wilson said when he announced his resignation. "I don't have any squawks. Both Wrigley and Gallagher have given me excellent treatment. I still think the Cubs are a better club than they appear and I hope they start winning under somebody else."

This was Wilson's second managerial venture. He succeeded Burt Shotton as pilot of the Phillies in 1934 and remained until the end of the '38 season, when he joined the Reds as coach. He broke into the majors as a catcher with the Phils in 1923, went to the Cards in 1928 and was resold to the Phils in 1933.

But the Bruins Are Still Stuck With Gallagher

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The removal of Jimmy Wilson as manager of the Cubs marks the semi-end of another "lemon picking" era in the baseball farming of Phil Wrigley, the chewing gum czar, although Jim Gallagher—the other half of the James Boys—is still associated with the team.

Not all Bruin woes in recent years can be traced to the James Boys, it's true, because club officials have been harvesting bumper lemon crops ever since that memorable June day in 1934 when the Cubs sent Dolph Camilli down the river to Philly for Don Hurst, who was discarded almost before he unpacked his baggage. Next, Wrigley sacrificed Lon Warneke to the Cards for Rip Collins, another first baseman who failed to perform up to snuff in Chicago, and they've been at it ever since, including the classic mistake of all, paying \$185,000 for Dizzy Dean.

When the Dodgers won the National League pennant in 1941 their lineup looked like a who's who of former Cub chattels. Camilli was at first, Billy Herman was at second and others included Augie Galan, Hugh Casey, Larry French and Kirby Higbe. The Cubs finished fifth that year, the first season the James Boys manipulated the strings, which at least proved their ability to absorb Wrigley's lemon-picking philosophy in a hurry.

Dahlgren Didn't Fill Bill

Still in the cycle of "trying to get even" for the early Camilli-Hurst error, the Gallagher-Wilson brain trust opened Wrigley's purse strings in June, 1941, to lure Babe Dahlgren, one of the fanciest fielders in the business, from the Braves. Dahlgren was the best first baseman Cub fans had seen on their side of the fence since the heyday of Charley Grimm, but he wasn't what the James Boys wanted.

First they peddled him to the Browns for enough cash to make a few dozen wrappers for that stuff kids in the ETQ are "Hey, chum-ing" about. The Brownies backed out, however, so the James Boys had another chance to think it over and keep Dahlgren. That afternoon they sent him to Brooklyn.

Almost before the ink was dry on that deal, the James Boys held another conference and dumped Augie Galan in Brooklyn's lap via Los Angeles, then sent Billy Herman, the league's No. 1 second baseman at the time, to the Dodgers for a couple of gents named John Hudson and Charley Gilbert, neither of whom learned their mates' first names before getting the sack.

It's too bad the James Boys didn't stay together long enough to reclaim Camilli from the Dodgers. Then they could start the zany cycle all over again—if anybody happens to know where Hurst is living.

By Al Capp

Soldier in Africa Buys Sacramento Club Stock

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 2—Pvt. Robert Knezevich, stationed in North Africa, has become one of the many stockholders in the Sacramento baseball club, following the purchase of the franchise from the St. Louis Cardinals. He sent a money order for \$100 to be added to the fund.

Knezevich is a former semi-pro player in Roseville and Lincoln. The money order was sent to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul Bowa, whose husband is getting a trial with the Solons.

Griffs Mangle Red Sox, 11-4

George Myatt Gets 6 for 6 To Tie Major Mark; Tribe Triumphs

NEW YORK, May 2—George Myatt, Washington second baseman, tied the modern major league record of six hits in six times at bat yesterday as the Senators trounced the Red Sox, 11-4, at Boston in one of the day's two games, Cleveland tripping the White Sox, 9-3, in the other. All clubs in the National League were idle.

Myatt scored three runs and drove in four more to ease the task for knuckleballer Roger Wolff, who kept 11 Red Sox hits carefully scattered over the full distance.

The Nats pounded Yank Terry, Clem Hausemann, Joe Wood Jr. and Oscar Judd for 20 hits. Terry lasted one inning, just long enough to give the Nats a lead and to be tagged with the defeat.

An eighth inning explosion in which they clustered seven hits for as many runs, the Indians slipped past the White Sox to win. The Tribe was headed by George Susce, veteran catcher, who got three singles and drove in three runs.

The Indians blasted Lefty Thornton Lee and Gordon Maltzberger for 13 hits. Lee, unable to get started this season, lasted until the big seventh stanza uprising and was charged with the loss. Harold Klein yielded the three Chisox runs in the first, then settled down and pitched shutout ball before tiring in the eighth. Ray Poat finished for the Tribe, but Klein was credited with the victory.



American League

Table with columns for team names, wins, losses, and percentages for the American League.

National League

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Leading Hitters

Table listing leading hitters for both the American and National Leagues, including names like Eiten, Myatt, and Musial.

Home Run Hitters

Table listing home run hitters for both leagues, including names like Lindell and Stephens.

Pros Are Threat to Collegiate Grid Game, Little Tells Coaches

NEW YORK, May 2—Lou Little, Columbia football coach and member of the rules committee for a dozen years, today warned his fellow college coaches to "wake up and discover the play-for-pay pros are building a more interesting game for the players and spectators."

With coaches from all sections of the country demanding rule changes, Little said the Football Coaches Association made a "terrible mistake" in freezing the organization at the end of the 1942 season. If the association were functioning, Little asserted, it could do something about the lack of legislation which has brought

about this "deplorable situation" in football.

Though obvious that the rules hadn't kept stride with progress and development of the game, Lt. Col. Bill Bingham, Harvard official who was appointed chairman of the committee, decided a meeting wasn't necessary and kept the present rules on ice for the duration, the Columbia mentor pointed out.

"Coaches feel the game is deteriorating," Little charged, "because of a lack of proper legislation. They shouldn't be a party to it, but without formal rules they are prepared to make the best of a bad situation for the good of the game."

Little stressed that the professionals have changed their rules to keep in step with the game despite the war, and have provided splendid entertainment for the fans. This, he believes, is a threat to the college game now handicapped by the refusal of the authorities to meet and study proposed changes.

Stir Up Does Fast Workout

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 2—Stir Up, the heavy betting favorite to capture Saturday's edition of the Kentucky Derby, added a few more railbirds to his side yesterday by going the mile and a quarter Derby distance in 2:05.6, only 1.6 seconds slower than Count Fleet's winning time last year, in a workout without any opposition.

Sky Tracer, another Derby hopeful, raced a mile and an eighth in 1:55.6, while Broad Grin covered a half-mile in :48.

Eastern Loop Opens Today

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 2—The Eastern League, only Class A baseball circuit operating this year, opens its season tomorrow with eight teams hoping to elude the manpower demands to complete a full schedule.

The new Williamsport team, backed by the Phillies and replacing Springfield (Mass.), opens its season here against Elmira. Scranton, which won the flag in '43 and added the Governors' Cup playoff title to its laurels, travels to Wilkes-Barre, Utica plays at Binghamton and Albany debuts at Hartford.

This year's race is expected to be more closely contested than last year's when the league's two weak sisters, Springfield, which lost 88 games, and Utica, which lost 101, enabled six teams to finish above the .500 mark.

Southwest Gridiron Schedule Increased 20 Per Cent for '44

DALLAS, Texas, May 2—The Southwest Conference plans to play 20 per cent more football this year than was played last year, and the six schools carrying on already have scheduled 40 games with five more to be added.

Southern Methodist, Arkansas and Rice have arranged ten-game schedules. Texas A and M have nine games on the docket while Texas and Texas Christian will play eight each.

Included in the composite schedule are 14 intersectional games with Kansas, Oklahoma Aggies, Oklahoma, Louisiana State, Tulane, Mississippi, Tulsa and Miami.

Last year the conference played 37 games, two being cancelled because of transportation restrictions.

Minor League Results

Table of minor league results for various leagues including International, American, Southern, and Pacific Coast.

Li'l Abner



Yanks 'Mop Up' Japs Caught in N. Guinea Trap

Kill 677 in 1 Sector Alone After Foe Flees to Hills; Sea Patrol Nets 4 Ships

U.S. forces by land and by sea are rapidly liquidating the Japanese remaining on New Guinea, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters reported yesterday.

Strong troop columns chasing the Japs who have fled into the hills have killed 677 in one sector alone in the last ten days.

Warships patrolling the coast to prevent an evacuation by sea have sunk four Jap ships, including a coastal steamer, along a 400-mile stretch off Hollandia in the last 24 hours.

Air attacks also were pressed against the Japanese troops and against enemy bases on islands throughout the Pacific, from Truk in the south to the Jap naval base at Paramushiro in the Kuriles, far to the north. Ventura search planes of the Navy bombed Paramushiro without loss.

Meanwhile, on the main front in North Burma, Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese troops captured a Japanese strongpoint west of the Mogaung River and south of Warzup, taking large quantities of weapons and ammunition. Two thousand Japanese trying to break the Chindits' road and rail block 65 miles southwest of Mogaung were defeated decisively and an estimated 1,000 of them were killed.

Subs Destroy A Jap Cruiser

WASHINGTON, May 2—American submarines operating deep in enemy-controlled Pacific waters have sunk a Japanese light cruiser and two submarines, the Navy announced today.

The cruiser was the fourth sunk by U.S. submarines, which also have "probably sunk" five more and damaged six.

Seven Jap cargo vessels, one large tanker and one large naval auxiliary also were listed as destroyed.

The successes brought to 695 the number of Jap ships sunk by U.S. submarines.

Genoa, Spezia, Leghorn Get 4th Day of Bombing

ALLIED HQ, Italy, May 2—Genoa, Spezia and Leghorn, German-held ports on the east coast of Italy, were bombed by the RAF last night in raids marking the fourth successive day of attack.

In daylight assaults Marauders hit railroad yards in Florence; other medium bombers struck at communications north of Rome.

It was announced officially that the Germans made a slight gain southwest of Carroccio in an attack on Allied forward positions in the Anzio beachhead.

Britain Honors Clark, 4 Other U.S. Generals

FIFTH ARMY HQ, May 2—Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, on behalf of the King, recently made Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark an honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Three other American generals, whose names were not disclosed, were made Commanders of the Order of the Bath.

Brig. Gen. Joseph I. Martin, Fifth Army surgeon, received the honorary award of Commander of the British Empire, and three U.S. field officers received the Order of the British Empire.

Irish-Lisbon Traffic Stopped

DUBLIN, May 2 (AP)—Ireland's sea connection with Lisbon has been cut because of the refusal of the British authorities to issue Navicerts for Irish vessels, said The Irish Press.

A prolonged stoppage "would have serious effects on our supply position," the paper said.

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Coming Back in Burma, But It's Tough—Stilwell

NEW DELHI, India, May 2—Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell announced today, on the second anniversary of his appointment to command the Chinese Fifth and Sixth Armies in Burma, that his forces had regained 75,000 square miles of northern Burma and killed more than 7,000 Japs.

The theme of his statement was that "it's a long road yet with a lot of hard work." He said:

"The Japs ran us out of here a damn sight faster than we are coming back."

Tito Aims Drive For Italian Port

Jugoslav Partisans have begun an offensive aimed at the Italian Adriatic port of Trieste, with some of the fighting already on Italian soil, Marshal Tito's communique disclosed yesterday without giving details.

The Partisans' main forces were said to be attacking a railway east of Trieste which links up with a line from Austria through northwestern Yugoslavia to Fiume. Jugoslav flying columns were reported striking hit-and-run blows to confuse the Germans.

Heaviest fighting appeared to be in Slovenia, in the north-central part of the country south of the Hungarian border. Strong German forces, possessing superiority in tanks and artillery, launched an offensive here against liberated territory, but the Partisans reported they were repulsing all attacks.

Mission From Tito

A military mission consisting of a Croat general and a Slovene major has arrived in London from Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Partisan headquarters to confer with Allied leaders, it was announced yesterday.

Siamese Twin Girls Born to a Widowed Mother in the East

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., May 2—Siamese twin girls were born in a hospital here Sunday to Mrs. Mary Stierly, 24, of Audubon, Pa., whose husband was killed recently.

"Oh gosh!" the mother exclaimed when a nurse told her of the birth.

A nurse said the babies weighed 12 pounds and were joined at the pelvis, though perfectly and separately formed from the waist up. She described them as "cute little blonde girls."

Doctors said both babies were doing well but feared they could not be separated and therefore they would never be able to walk.

Betting on the Right Horse

JERUSALEM, May 2—Rudolf Messerschmidt, from Switzerland, has asked permission to change his name to Rudolf Spitfire.

Home-Made Stalag All Ready If Nazis Bail Out Over London

If the Luftwaffe has a visit to London on the books this week, there is a possibility—even though only one in a million—that a couple of the visiting firemen might bail out into familiar surroundings—a German stalag situated only a baseball-throw from Buckingham Palace.

The surprise would be increased when the visitors were set upon by a squad of German-clad guards and deposited behind a barbed-wire enclosure from which hangs a sign identifying the place as a "Kriegsgefangenenlager," or P/W camp. If they resisted, or were otherwise unruly, they might be tossed into the "Wachstube," recognizable to them as a GI bastille.

In which case they would decide there was a helluva big mistake somewhere. In due time, however, the parachuting airmen would discover their surroundings to be simply a reproduction of a German P/W camp exhibited by the British Red Cross and St. John. The exhibit, at

Getting the Bazooka Ready to Play



A U.S. infantryman sights the futuristic bazooka while his teammate prepares to load it in invasion exercises in England. The rocket projectile can knock out a 60-ton tank or concrete pillbox.

Burma Clash Pits U.S. Tanks Against Japs 1st Time in Asia

WITH GEN. STILWELL'S FORCES, Mogaung Valley, North Burma, Apr. 29 (delayed) (AP)—American-made medium tanks, manned by American crews, had their first contact with Japanese forces today on the Asiatic Continent as they chalked up another "first" in Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's campaign to free the supply road to China and retake Jap-held North Burma.

Tank formations under command of Lt. Richard P. Bocan, former cavalryman from Vandalia, Ill., pumped more than 100 rounds of 75-mm. shells against the Japs. On the banks of a Mogaung tributary, where it joins the river just north of Inkaghatung, they faced Jap 75s, dual-purpose 70s and anti-tank fire. A number of Chinese-manned medium and light tank crews also joined the Americans in this hour-long battle which

resulted in destruction of two enemy 47-mm. anti-tank guns, probable destruction of another, and the destruction of an ammunition dump, some 30 Japs being killed. No Allied casualties were reported, and damage to tanks and equipment was said to be light.

Eye-witness reports brought out by YANK combat correspondent T/Sgt. Dave Richardson revealed that Japs as usual fought desperately.

One Jap climbed onto a medium tank, lifted off the sandbags and affixed a magnetic mine to the tank. Almost instantly he was mowed down by a burst of .30-cal. slugs from gunner Bernard E. Nelson, a private from McCook, Neb., who was in a near-by tank. At almost the same second the mine exploded, blowing off the Jap so cleanly there wasn't even a drop of blood on the tank.

1,000 Heavies Built Monthly

WASHINGTON, May 2—U.S. heavy-bomber production is now well over 1,000 a month, Vice Chairman Charles E. Wilson of the War Production Board said today, disclosing that 8,343 planes of all types were delivered in April.

The figure was well under the 9,118 planes completed in the peak month of March, but the reduction was planned and officials forecast it more than a month ago.

Wilson said production of the B29 Superfortress was "for all practical purposes" on schedule.

Combat planes accounted for 77 per cent of the total April output. WPB said the percentage, highest thus far for this type, would continue to rise.

Invasion Blitz Passes 18th Day

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B26s and Havoc light bombers, 200 going to Valenciennes, Busigny and Blanc-Misseron, vital arteries on which the Germans depend to maintain their Atlantic Wall defenses.

The Marauders and Havocs were covered by RAF, RAAF and Allied Spitfires and RAF Mustangs. Not one bomber was lost.

The U.S. daylight raids followed night attacks by RAF bombers in great strength on rail and industrial targets in France and Belgium. Hit were a motor vehicle works at Lyons, a signal depot at Chambly, railroad yards at Malines, aircraft repair works at Tours, an aircraft factory and explosive works at Toulouse and rail facilities at St. Ghislian.

Well over 2,500 tons of bombs were dropped on the RAF's targets, which also included Ludwigshafen, Germany's second largest chemical manufacturing center. Ten RAF planes failed to return.

Eight Separate Forces

The eight Bomber Command targets were hit by eight separate RAF forces, making it impossible for the Luftwaffe to oppose each of them. Once the bombers passed the coast they were comparatively unmolested.

Of the two forces of Forts and Liberators which bombed the Pas de Calais and rail yards in Brussels, Belgium, and four points in France Monday, three bombers were lost. Three escorting fighters also failed to return.

While some heavy bomber formations were continuing the day and night assault on the Atlantic Wall defenses, others of the Eighth Air Force got their first break in operations for more than a week.

Air crews and ground crews alike, who have been loading and hauling bombs sometimes twice a day, received a day of comparative rest, and operations officers, checking up, recorded as routine six missions in six consecutive days. There were a few of seven in seven days and a handful of eight in eight days.

NEWS FROM HOME Match Firms Are Accused of World Cartel

U.S. Urges Court Action; Americans, Canadians, Britons, Swedes Named

NEW YORK, May 2—The Justice Department, accusing six American, two British, one Canadian and a Swedish company of maintaining an international match cartel, has asked the Federal Court here to grant a permanent injunction breaking up the alleged monopoly.

The complaint charged that the ten defendants—one of them the Diamond Match Co. of America—by acquiring patents controlling the so-called "everlasting match" suppressed its production and use. The "everlasting match," it said, can be used 140 times and is now used in some occupied countries where ordinary matches are unobtainable.

The suit alleged that as a result of an agreement between the Diamond Match Co. and I.G. Farbenindustrie of Germany, American production of chlorate of potash, essential to match production and certain types of ammunition, was virtually stopped between the first and second world wars. This, it charged, resulted in a grave shortage for military purposes.

Fire in W. Virginia Prison

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., May 2—Fire in a tailor shop at West Virginia State Penitentiary did \$50,000 damage Saturday night. The heat awakened convicts in their cells 200 feet away, but they were not in danger and were not transferred.

Bomber Crash in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 2—Four civilians among seven persons killed when a twin-engine Army bomber crashed into the Memphis residential section were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cobb, of Kansas City, their daughter Garland and Miss Beatrice Withers.

Red Cross Tops Goal

WASHINGTON, May 2—With contributions still pouring in, the American Red Cross war fund had reached \$211,000,000 today, \$11,000,000 above its goal.

Manpower Pinch in Canada

OTTAWA, May 2—Minister of Labor Humphrey Mitchell told the House last night that Canada's manpower pool was "near the bottom of the barrel."

System Set Up to Give Civilians Penicillin Drug

WASHINGTON, May 2—A nationwide system for limited distribution of penicillin to civilians was announced this weekend by the War Production Board. Supplies will be sent to more than 1,000 depot hospitals for administering to cases needing the drug.

Ernie Pyle - -

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spondents, Ernie Pyle has been closer to the soldier himself than any other writer. He started to report the war to America during the Battle of Britain in the winter of 1940-41. With the exception of two brief visits to the U.S., he has been at it ever since, covering the AEF in Northern Ireland early in 1942 and later the troops in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Pyle's reports of a soldier's life, written while living, marching and eating with troops in combat zones, earned for him the title of "the GI's own reporter." His book, "Here Is Your War," edited from columns written overseas, has sold more than a half million copies. The book also is being used as a basis for a motion picture portraying the life of an infantryman.

Asked to play a leading role in the film, Pyle refused on the grounds that he preferred to stick to the Scripps-Howard job he has held for 21 years.

A reporter with honest and outspoken opinions, Pyle warned America two months after the African invasion not to expect "a walkaway" with small losses. He echoed the soldiers' own belief that it would take months of fighting for U.S. forces to gain the experience the enemy started with.

Pyle came to Britain several weeks ago from the Italian front in order to be on hand for the next show. His bed-roll is packed.

Terry and the Pirates



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