

Women Walk Out In Detroit & Washington

Ohio Union Official Says Chances For Settlement Are Good

WASHINGTON (AP)—"Definite action" in a spreading strike of women telephone operators was forecast for late today as the Ohio-born walkout spread to Washington.

Bonus Given Out-Of-Town Operators

The strike of telephone operators in Washington, Detroit and most of Ohio stemmed, according to statements by union spokesmen and company officials, from a week-old walkout at Dayton, Ohio, called in protest against \$18.25 weekly expense bonuses paid to girls transferred from other towns. Sympathetic strikes followed in Ohio cities, affecting a total of 5,000 workers.

P. G. Wodehouse Still Detained

PARIS—(AP)—The police said today that P. G. Wodehouse, the English novelist, had been released after spending three nights in a police station, but it was still detained.

Two-Minute News Roundup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Front

On the Western Front, American Ninth Army forces have taken a series of attacks, attacking German positions in the Roer Valley.

Phone Strike

Washington quarters believe that the strike of telephone operators will be settled by the end of the week.

Home Front

A message from War Secretary Simon said new plans for American Thanksgiving today, "The War Department reveals that battle casualties for the last 24 hours are 1,000 in all theaters since Pearl Harbor, now total 52,000."

The Pacific

American warplanes ranging over the Philippines and Borneo have sunk or damaged about 70 Japanese ships and barges, many of them trying to get reinforcements to the enemy troops on Leyte in the central Philippines.

WHY AMERICA IS THANKFUL



The land of freedom is fertile. Despite shortages of men and machinery, farmers this year grew record crops. The U. S. Army is the world's best fed and so is the U. S. civilian.



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Cigarette Outlook Bad Day Over World

WASHINGTON—(AP)—To the thousands of cigarette smokers who find their luck today, the War Food Administration today filed this unhappy thought:

The tight supply situation may continue beyond harvest of next year's tobacco crop.

In a report on 1943 tobacco production goals, the WFA said war requirements have exceeded production, reducing stocks below normal.

DEMAND MAY RISE

The demand for American tobacco, it explained, was increasing next year, regardless of whether the war ends in the meantime.

It is estimated that exports during the 1944-45 season will be larger than during the 1943-44 season primarily because of more liberated countries in Europe and the movement abroad of foreign-owned tobacco now stored in the United States.

While traditional church services were being held throughout the nation, religious services were also taking place at every Army post on the far-flung battle areas.

Chaplains with combat units at the front or in towns near the front held non-sacramental services.

In London, Ambassador John G. Winant read the proclamation in Westminster Abbey. The Rt. Rev. Henry B. Hobson, Bishop of Southern Ohio, delivered the sermon.

The town of Boston, England, was to entertain 100 American soldiers and nurses at an evening Thanksgiving ball with music provided by U. S. Army bands.

At Cherbourg, France, French civilians and British troops joined Americans in a festive evening at the municipal theater.

U. S. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges told his troops of the U. S. First Army driving inside Germany along the approaches to Cologne.

It is enough for us to know that because of you, people of all the world, there are saving thanks to God Almighty who has made possible your war achievement.

On the home front, war plants continued on full production schedules.

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Yank Planes And Naval Craft Move To Prevent New Jap Leyte Landings

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9th Army Men Occupy Roer Valley Towns

To The South, German 19th Army Writes In U. S., French Pincers

LONDON—(AP)—American Ninth Army troops drove through deep mud and German steel into the Roer Valley villages of Koster and Barmen today in a slow advance toward Cologne, 26 miles away on the Rhine.

Both towns are north of the Hitler superhighway from Aachen to Berlin and it was along this wide concrete road that the Germans had massed the best and most of their troops in the West. Below the road, Ninth Army troops entered Bourheim, Pattern and Lohn to form a battering ram six miles wide and pointed directly at the bomb-ravaged Rhineland arsenal city of 768,000.

German divisions launched a series of counter-attacks during the day against the Ninth Army despite the loss of more than 75 tanks in the week-long battle.

A cold, pelting rain driven by gales added to the misery of footsore German resistance, denying air support for the columns of infantry, tanks and cannon moving through the thickly forested area before the Rhine. The Roer and its affluents were flooded.

Reds Near Key Cities

MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian assault forces closed closer today to the Hungarian communications along points of Kanyan, Eger and Miskolc in grim hand to hand fighting along the 85-mile battle line north of Budapest.

The early morning dawn must show Marshal Rodion F. Malinovsky's offensive, but the Soviet command listed six villages captured and 40 German tanks knocked out against fierce counter-attacks by Hungarian and SS elite units.

DEAF NAZI FIGHT

On the Allied southern flank, German infantry and French tanks fought on the flat Rhine plain less than 10 miles from Strasbourg, 100 miles apart through a complete breakthrough of resistance so apathy that the troops of the 19th Army were opposed by some Nazis who have been in the army less than a month. One company was composed entirely of deaf Germans.

The implication was obvious. Marshal Von Rundstedt was giving up Lorraine and doubtless Aachen, too, to save what he could from the debacle of the Meuse-Mountain front where it was estimated a few days ago that 50,000 troops of the 19th Army were nailed against the Rhine and caught between Allied forces.

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continues rather cool this afternoon and tonight with lowest temperatures in the 40's.

Temperatures at 1:00 today: High & Low Last 24 Hours: 50° and 32°.

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