



Interpreting The War

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be an effort to drive an encircling arm around Moscow to the north. There also are intimations from Berlin that panzer columns south of Moscow may have reached points far eastward of Orel and Kaluga.

Unless the Germans have already forced their way well eastward of Vyazma, the Kaluga salient, 100 miles southwest of the city, is their nearest river defence system that surrounds Moscow in a great circle, roughly 80 miles in diameter. The winding course of the Volga to the north and east and of the meandering Oka to the south and southwest, with the many small tributaries of both streams, afford the pattern for a powerful inner circle of defences.

Presumably it is along this line that London observers hope the Russians can stem the German tidal wave. It would mean, however, either separation of Russian armies in the Moscow area from those to the south, or Russian evacuation of the Donets-Don basin in a race to reach the Volga. There are intimations in fact, that the Russians have already started a wide general retreat on the Kharkov front, south of the Moscow fighting zone.

The most immediate threat of grave disaster, however, is neither on the Moscow or Kharkov fronts, sinister as are the portents on both. On the extreme southern flank, an unconfirmed report places Nazi advance guards already in Taganrog on the Sea of Azov and within less than 50 miles of Rostov. Berlin claims that Russian resistance on that flank except in the Crimea and on the narrow strip of mainland south of the Dnieper bend has collapsed.

Important to Russian war industry as are Kharkov and the Donets Basin, Rostov and its oil pipelines to the Baku field must be the prime Nazi objective of this massive offensive. Rostov has special strategic and economic values which make its capture even more important than the actual taking of Moscow would be.

It appears still possible that a siege of Moscow is the Nazi design and when the city can be encompassed from north and south as well as west. There is every indication that once Moscow is cut off to the south, Rostov must fall and with it Russia's main oil sources.

That alone warrants the conclusion that regardless of the ebb and flow of battle about Moscow, Hitler's generals have mustered forces in the far south for a break-through to

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Rostov and beyond without delay. It is the vital door-way to oil in quantities, and there can be no question that powerful British forces must be deployed in the Caucasus to protect the Baku field in co-operation with Russian armies there, once the Germans turn the Rostov corner.

Abandonment

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hurling the Germans back. Pravda said one town near German-captured Bryansk, 210 miles southwest of the capital, had been won back by the Russians, and the Soviet bureau of information reported gains from counter-attacks north of Orel, 220 miles south of Moscow.

"Despite great losses," Pravda said, "our troops are fighting steadfastly." The big push in the Vyazma sector, 125 miles west of the capital, where the main German effort has been concentrated, also appeared to have lost its momentum. Although it was acknowledged that the danger remained grave, allied military quarters said they were "breathing more easily" and that the Germans apparently were lagging behind schedule in their 12-day-old offensive.

Pravda, today's only newspaper, in its leading editorial called for a concentration of "all our force to repel the enemy," and declared "victory will be ours." (An authoritative source in London said it was "quite in the cards" that the Nazi drive might bog down finally within 70 or 80 miles of the Soviet capital because of the wear on tanks and the "limit of human endurance.")

(This source said that in the north the German siege army apparently has settled down to an effort to starve out Leningrad. In the south, he said, German advance units might have penetrated as far as the North shore of the Sea of Azov. Taganrog, 45 miles from Rostov-on-Don.)

Pravda described the fresh Russian reinforcements at the approaches to Moscow as battle-seasoned and returning to the fighting lines rested and well-equipped. Their equipment was said to include warm winter uniforms, long grey overcoats and fur hats as protection from the snow and already setting in along the front.

Moscow had an air raid alarm before dawn—its first since Oct. 2. No bombs were known to have been dropped within the city.

Nuremberg

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air ministry said, but "not so favorable" over the other objectives, which included Bremen and Boulogne.

(The German High Command itself acknowledged the severity of the suddenly stepped-up British assault, mentioning that northwest, western and southern Germany were bombed and that "a various places buildings were destroyed or damaged"—an unusual admission from Berlin.)

The Air Ministry said 11 night bombers were lost. The serial war continued bitterly in daylight, the R. A. F. it was announced, destroying 19 German planes in its sweep over northern France in the afternoon and losing 12 fighters and one bomber. Many combats between British and German fighters were reported. Large formations of bombers and fighters were seen flying over the channel to the attack. Anti-aircraft fire rent the air at Calais.

REVEALS U. S.

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dicating whether the stream of supplies was flowing across the Atlantic to Russia's Arctic ports, around Africa and up the Persian Gulf for transshipment through Iran and the Caucasus, or across the Pacific to Vladivostok.

A few hours earlier Congressional leaders who attended a White House conference on Lend-Lease legislation reported they had received a prediction from Harry L. Hopkins that Russia would "keep up the fight" even if the "Keen" succeeded in taking Moscow.

Hopkins, the lend-lease supervisor, recently conferred with Stalin and other high Soviet officials in Moscow. Those who attended today's meeting said that Mr. Roosevelt expressed some concern over the Russian situation, but agreed with Hopkins that Soviet armies were far from defeat. Hopkins, it was said, remarked that he had been convinced that Russia is determined to "fight this thing through" even if it meant setting up a temporary capital and following a policy of harassing German armies of occupation.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Saints Lose Title Game To U.N.B. 8-0 In Encounter Played In A Cold Drizzle

SACKVILLE, N.B., Oct. 13.—(CP)—University of New Brunswick, whitewashed St. Dunstan's University 8-0 here Saturday in a game for the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island intercollegiate rugby championship.

The "sudden death" contest was the first intercollegiate rugby game between the two provinces in two years. Lack of training by both teams and a cold drizzle made the struggle a disappointing one.

WINGS OVER UNCLE SAM

Nineteen scheduled airlines in the United States fly more than 9,000,000 revenue miles per month.

Eight Chicago Black Hawks Players Held At Border

HIBBING, Minn., Oct. 13.—(AP)—Eight players scheduled to take fall training with the Chicago Black Hawks here still are absent from the camp, officials of the National Hockey League club reported today.

Will be charged With theft from Island Seamen

SACKVILLE, N.B., Oct. 12.—(CP)—Pte. Joseph R. MacNamee, member of a military unit at Camp Sussex, was sentenced to two months in jail after pleading guilty to a charge of obtaining board and lodging under false pretences.

THE HEAD WATERS

Tiny, placid Lake Itasca in Minnesota is the birthplace of the mighty Mississippi.

BRINGING UP FATHER

WELL—WITH MAGGIE OUT OF TOWN AN' CLANNAHAN GIVIN' A CHOWDER PARTY TODAY I'M AS HAPPY AS A MAN CAN BE.

IT WUZ NICE OF OLD CLANNAHAN TO GET UP THIS SHIN-DIGS FEECE. I MUST LOOK ME BEST.

PARDON-SIR-BUT THE LONG-DISTANCE PHONE OPERATOR WANTS YOU TO STAND BY—AS YOUR WIFE IS GOING TO CALL UP SOMETIME TODAY.

FOR GOODNESS SAKE—WHY DON'T YOU GET SOMETHING TELLS ME I'M GOINNA MISS THIS CHOWDER PARTY.

WELL—NOW THAT MAGGIE IS AWAY IN THE COUNTRY—BOY, AM I GOINNA ENJOY MESELF—IT IS JUST FIVE O'CLOCK—I'LL TAKE A NAP—I'LL JOIN THE GANG AT DINTY'S FOR SUPPER—THIS WILL BE A GREAT PARTY.

BEG PARDON-SIR-BUT AREN'T YOU GOING TO RETIRE, OR DO YOU PREFER TO STAY ALL NIGHT LONG?

FOUR A-M— I MISSED THE PARTY!

Island Regiment Wins Trophy



The above photo shows two members of the P.E.I. Light Horse just before they began a 70 1.2 mile march which resulted in the winning of the Pookok Lone Scout trophy. It is competed for by Cavalry Regiments throughout the British Empire and was awarded to the local regiment in 1939.

Navy wins Opening game Of finals

HALIFAX, Oct. 13.—(CP)—A parade of bunts in the second inning today gave Halifax Navy a 6-2 victory over Moncton in the opening game of a best-in-three series for the Maritime senior softball title.

Remaining games will be played at the home of the New Brunswick champions later this week. Navy claimed the Nova Scotia championship when the Gloucester team, Cape Breton Island tilts, failed to turn up for a scheduled sudden-death final game Saturday.

Silent Joe Is winner At Shediac

SHEDIAC, N. B., Oct. 13.—(CP)—New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island horses won the three events today at the final harness racing meet of the season here.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and time. Includes Silent Joe, Calumet, Coburn, etc.

Classified Race No. 2. Silent Joe, Charlottetown 1:11. Calumet, Coburn, Irving, Shediac 2:23. Skippydale, T. Ester, Moncton 4:32. Miss Victoria 3:44. Time: 2:17, 2:16, 2:16.

Free For All. Volrida, Napke, Newcastle 3:21. Major Bowes 2:31. Signal Senator, G. Gay, Moncton 4:43. Joe Direct, T. Ester, Moncton 1:14.

Announce date For Maritime Boxing meet

HALIFAX, Oct. 13.—(CP)—The Maritime amateur boxing championships will be held Nov. 17-18 at the Y. M. C. A. here, it was announced tonight.

Comic strip 'Chimble Theatre—Starring POPEYE' with multiple panels and dialogue.

Nine members of Washington Team At Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID, N.Y., Oct. 13.—(CP)—While putting his team through leisurely pre-season practice here today at the Olympic Arena, Ching Johnson, coach of the Washington team, expressed the belief that more of the American Hockey League team would reach this resort within a few days.

FOOTBALL IN ICELAND

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Oct. 11.—(Delayed AP)—American football made its first appearance on this appearance on this island today when a squad of blue and gold-jerseyed players of an infantry regiment held practice on an English rugby field. Britons and Icelanders looking on were mystified by the American game.

St. Mary's and Navy Winners

HALIFAX, Oct. 13.—(CP)—Navy defeated Dalhousie 3-0 and St. Mary's turned back Wanderers 14-10 today in games of the City English Rugby football league.

MONCTON WINS TITLE

MONCTON, N. B., Oct. 13.—(CP)—Moncton defeated Stellarton 11-9 today in a "sudden death" contest scheduled as for the Maritime junior football championship.

CORK SUBSTITUTE

Balsa wood a substitute for cork. Is obtainable in large quantities in Ecuador.