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SOUTH/EAST PACIFIC:

A renewed Jap thrust at American defenses at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island cost the enemy at least 300 dead against American casualties of 4 dead, 47 wounded, and 1 missing. Gen. Douglas MacArthur headquarters said Monday that the enemy penetrated United States positions, but defenses were restored within 24 hours. Sgt. William B. McGurn, Yank magazine correspondent suffered superficial mortar wounds Wednesday on Bougainville. American dismounted cavalrymen have occupied Amo and Ndovo islets off the southeast coast of Manus Island in the Admiralty Group, while continuing to mop up after the capture of all vital points in this group. 4th USAAF aircraft hit Newak, New Guinea with another 207 tons of bombs as other hit Rabaul with 61 tons.

ITALY:

Allied big guns Monday were ripping into German held portions of Cassino as both sides appeared to be mustering strength for resumption of heavy close quarter combat. Allied troops on the Anzio beachhead drove back two enemy infiltration attempts.

Yesterday, Arezzo viaduct was attacked by medium bombers of the tactical airforce. Heavy bombers of the strategic airforce attacked Fiume docks, Maniago airfields, and Rimini railyards. Fighter-bombers struck at the harbor of Castiglioncello, a bridge at Stimigliano, and gun positions and troop concentrations in the battle area. Last night railyards at Vicenza were attacked by night bombers. 7 enemy aircraft were destroyed during the

MOSCO.:

Marshal Koniev's Bessarabian spearhead is today poised on the Rumanian border along a 100 mile front on the left bank of the Pruth River. On a vast front between Cernavti and Jassy the Red Army is consolidating its positions and everyone here expects that advanced Soviet units have crossed the Pruth barrier and set foot on Rumanian territory in thrusts southwards to Jassy and the Danube Estuary. Marshal Koniev's 2nd Ukrainian Army is massing along the Rumanian border for the next leap forward after its amazing advance across the Dneister over hills and valleys of Moldavia to the banks of the Pruth River - starting place of part of Hitler's invasion forces in 1942.

Front line despatches reaching Moscow Monday give graphic descriptions of the scene when vanguards of Marshal Ivan Koniev's 2nd Ukrainian Army reaches the banks of the Pruth River on the Rumanian frontier. Crisis of "Pruth" went up from thousands of hoarse throats Sunday morning. News of the Red Army's arrival on the Rumanian border has electrified the Soviet people. Pravda, only newspaper appearing in Moscow on Monday morning, published Marshal Stalin's historic order of the day on the front page printed in heavy black type, while editorial sections stressed the importance of this development of the war. Vera Inber, famed Russian poetess, composed a special poem in honor of the great victory.

ASIA COMMUNIQUE:

Today's communique from Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters of the Southeast Asia command said several Japanese tanks were destroyed on Saturday in the Tiddim-Imphal region. (This is the same region of the Japanese thrust across the Indian frontier.) In the same area Allied troops captured another hill feature after heavy fighting, and have driven the Japs from their positions on the road inflicting very heavy casualties. On the main Imphal front Allied troops attacked and drove the Japanese from a hill feature on the foothills bordering the coastal plain on Sunday. Eastward of the Layu range the Japanese made unsuccessful raids on Allied positions west of Buthidaung on Saturday night and an attack further south made in considerable strength also failed. East of Lalapanzin Allied troops captured another commanding feature and the Japanese were forced to make local withdrawals. In the Ikahul area severe fighting is continuing to take place and Japanese pressure is being continued. Chinese troops continued their advance against strong Japanese resistance north of Shaduzup Ga. In the Fort Hertz area Allied troops occupied a village on the Jumprabum-Yithyina road. Allied heavy and medium bombers yesterday attacked troop concentrations and other objectives on the Imphal-Tiddim road. Dive-bombers and fighter-bombers and fighters were out in strength yesterday.

LONDON:

U.S. bomber formations flew toward the continent Monday following a 2,800 ton A.F. assault on Essen, site of the Krupp armament works, and attacks on the Nazi rubber center of Hannover, a 125 miles Northeast, and Josurtrai in Belgium. Essen was last raided in force July 25th, after which the British airminister Sir A. Sinclair described the series of blows

LONDON:

If movie stars are made not born England's news triplets have a good start because the two girls and one boy peeped into the world Sunday with cameras grinding out the first gasps of their breath. This is the first time in history the birth of triplets has been filmed. The 23 year old mother Mrs. Constance Hubbard, a miners wife, was coy about the whole performance, she refuse an offer to wear a mask and remain anonymous in the film to be shown medical circles for instructional purposes. The attending Mrs. Hubberts knew since January she'd give birth to triplets and requested she make a film for scientific record. The babies arrived at 25 iminute intervals the exact day the doctor predicted. All are doing well weighing 5, 5 and a quarter, and 3 and a half pounds. The boy is the heaviest.

MELBOURNE:

The "Pyjama girl" Linda Agostinia, whose charred and battered body was found clad in cream and green Pyjamas beneath a culvert nearly ten years ago had been in a fight for a gun according to an alleged statement by her husband. The story was told at an inquest here today where the 43 year old Italian waiter Antonio Agostinia is charged with the murder of his wife. In an alleged statement Agostine said he disposed of the body under a culvert near the Albury, on the Victoria New South Wales border where it was found on September 1st, 1934.

Marriage relations, he said, had been mainly unhappy owing to Linda's overdrinking, and once she threatened to kill him. Then on Sunday he told her he had to go away on business. He refused to go without her. They went to bed and after a restless night he woke up and found something pressing against his car. He realized it was a gun and grasped her hand and they struggled, the revolver went off, Linda gave a long gasp and she was dead. Realization that she was dead unbalanced him, at first he thought he would go to the police but fear of publicity and damage to the Italian community changed his mind. Much time passed and at eight o'clock that night he took the body in a car along the Alburg highway. Near Alburg he reached down and put the body under a culvert - and drove off to Melbourne. In 1938 I told my wifes acquaintances she had gone away. the inquest was ajourned until tomorrow.

MEMPHIS:

A twenty minute storm with hailstones as large as eight inches in circumference struck Memphis Sunday night, inflicting widespread damage and injuring 8 persons. Large stones broke windows, hurtled through roofs, and auto windshields, in what some weathermen described as the most destructive storm ever to hit Memphis. One 6 year old boy was in serious condition with a brain concussion suffered when one of the stones struck him on the head. On resident sustained a fractured ankle.

JACKSON, MISS.:

.. windstorm Sunday night put a farm home on the Illinois central railroad track. Owners of the home,

