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WESTERN FRONT

The American 1st and 9th Armies have made further progress on the approaches to the ROER River. Latest reports claim that they have entered the towns of LINNICH, ROERDORF and FLOSSDORF. Farther south the American 3rd Army has captured a ten mile sector of Germany's industrial SAAR Valley. The Americans are fighting along the SAAR River and are under heavy fire from the SIEGRRIED Line. In the south American 7th Army troops are within thirty miles of a junction with the 1st French Army. American units are fighting on the outskirts of HAGUENAU 15 miles north of STRASBOURG.

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RUSSIA

Soviet columns have crossed a mountain range SOUTH WEST of BUDAPEST and are heading onto a plain which leads to the border of AUSTRIA some 90 miles away. The latest Moscow communique claims that more than sixty towns and villages have been captured in recent fighting. Other Soviet columns are pushing rapidly towards Lake BALATON on the route to AUSTRIA and are now within thirty-seven miles of the lake.

ITALY

Threat of a possible British breakthrough has caused the enemy to evacuate a town about nine miles southwest of INOLA. Southwest of FAENZA the allies have taken a number of important heights.

PACIFIC

Ground fighting on LEYTE has flared up again after a three day lull due to bad weather. It seems clear that allied troops cannot hope for an early victory since bad weather conditions and determined Japanese resistance has slowed down the Allied drive. in recent weeks.

AIR

R.A.F. Bombers struck last night at the communications centre and supply base of KARLSRUHE.

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