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Vyazma

Monday.

From E. D. MASTERMAN

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ati vial railway was mude bos-sib y the occupation of Sata-ba and Diaguleva, which were aspared yesterday. Diaguleva is war miles from Sarabush and 14 Eves south-cast of Vyazma.

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THE Russians are now sewing up Vyazma — 150 miles west of Moscow. Three to five German divisions (36,000 to 60,000 men) are trapped there in a

For a highly placed military who has worked in Russia a year and a half to return Tokyo is certainly not ac nary affair." the newspaper mant pocket. siant pocket. Advanced units of the Red Amy under General Zhukov cut the Vyazma-Smolensk rail-way this morning, tightening the encirclement of the Ger-

d for such an important is Minami, the real leader of ipanese milliarists, to return kyo suddenly from Korea is er extraordinary event."

que to Lenin

mans in this sector. The pocket stretches from Chatsk in the east to Sycheuka in the north, and Sarabush in the south with Russian troops today were closing to the seatern gan which the Ger-man have desperately tried to keep open some miles east from the part where the Smolensk-Vyazma raikay crosses the Dnieper. unveiled in W.C.1 sbury Home Guard 'formed a of homour, and British and national anthems were sum day before a bomb-damaged in Holford-square, FinSurr, Outside the house, Mme. y, wife of the Soviet Am-or, unvelled a plaque to who lived there 40 years ago. Maieky, who was present, "Here some of Lenn's best were written; here year ped many of the ideas which, the creation of the USSR."

HUGE LOSSES

Mascow's midnight communiqué maunces the capture of a number i inhabited places, and adds:---"During the week March 8 to 14 the Germans lost 215 aircraft. We lost 57." We lost off. Eren should the Germans suc-red in retreating from Vyazma, ther losses in material will be exemuted for the in this area they have massed all the material in-unded to be used in the siege of Materia





In spite of the great importance of culting the only remaining rappy the linking Hitler's main fort's with the troops concentrated around Vyazma, it would be too of shift to expect any rapid huidation of the giant pocket now formed on the central front. The Germans will undoubtedly bat up desperate resistance, and the annihilation and recepture of the cut might take two weeks or a the mean take the formation of the cut might and the formation the cut might and the formation of the cut might and the formation the cut might and the formation of the cut might and the forma PUDDING THAT'S JUST LOYELY WHICHEVER MILK YOU USE

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Spitfire pilot paddles 40 miles Express Air Reporter BASIL CARDEW

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of first-class importance urging the

strategy of attack when they spoke in

these four sentences:-

against his country, said :--

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THE FRONT TODAY "We have driven them back 260

curiosity."

and M. Litvinov, made statements

"With all the resources of the Soviet Union, plus the

"Russia has not driven

assistance of the United States and Britain, it becomes

possible for the first time to thwart Hitler's plans and drive his armles back.

NEW YORK, Monday.

'If Russia gets ACTION

RUSSIA Litvinov says if Germans are weakened on eastern front "by, diversion elsewhere" they can be pushed "back to Berlin or beyond." AUSTRALIA –Plans ready for thorough scorching of farms and towns in event of Japanese invasion. Bush fires to be used as a weapon.

LITVINOV: "BERLIN

THE ISLANDS "Decisive battle" with Australians raging in New Guinea jungle, say Japs. Fierce fighting still going on in Java and Sumatra.

Remember Hongkong²

One Penny





AUSTRALIA TO SCORCH

The bush will be fired to stop Jap invaders

Express Military Reporter MORLEY RICHARDS

WHEN Mr. R. G. Casey, Australian Minister in Washington, broadcast a promise yesterday that his country would adopt a complete scorched-earth policy in the event of invasion, he was not omitting a devastating weapon-

bush fires.

Although in the far north there are subtropical jungles which would not burn, fur-ther south thousands of square miles of Australian bush could be fired to set up a barrier of flame against the Japanese.

In normal times a large army of fire-fighters is permanently employed to keep such out-breaks under control. "We believe the time has come for attack," said Mr. TOKYO reports admitted last night that Allied

BULGARIA, HUNGARY

3-A.M. LATEST

Battle

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including a military agreement Japanese forces are established on the north coast, but so far have only hombed the south coastal base of Port Moresby. JAVA.—Japanese claims to have becupied Malang south of Sura-baya, the former Dutch naval base. Indicate that stiff resistance is still being put up by Allied units. Tokyo, quoling Japanese re-ports irrom Bandoeng, admits that a great number of Dutch troops are still free in the moun-tains. has been reached between Bul-

tains. Four tundred American prisoners of war were captured at Bandoene ava stimulated American prisoners of war were captured at Bandoene fava stimulated amore in Easter ava stimulated nore in Easter to the this last base of the United Nations in the Pacific, is by amore two major-generals, it asys. SUMATRA-Fighting continues turn defensive attack into putch troops further back," says. Tokyo.-AP. and Reuter messages. Tokyo.-AP. and Reuter messages. MELBOURNE, Monday-Regula-tions will soon be issued placing in Ancerent, the Malitic the Regula-tions will soon be issued placing and the permanent military forces on the same footing for generals. "We will attack and go on the ALF, the Militic the Regula-tions the formation for generals. and the permanent military forces on the same footing for generals. Heating and the permanent military forces on the same footing for generals. Casey. "The only means by and the permanent military forces on the same footing for generals. Casey. "The only means by and the permanent military forces on the same footing for generals. Casey. "The only means by and the permanent military forces on the same footing for generals. Casey. "We will attack and go on attacking while anything remains. The state of Billowone Surges

Battle of the Fringe

"We shall not perish, because we have behind us all the power that the Unsted Nations, especially Britain and the United States, can muster, and we shall have fighting with us all the forces and all the equipment the United Nations can concentrate in this vital battle-field."

Difficulties of invading Austra-lia may cause the Japanese to limit their ambitions.

A naval and air attack was made early on Sunday against the Italian strong-New York tonight. The core of the hold of Rhodes, island fortress off the Turkish coast, which would be a British Ambassador's speech was in coast, which would be a springboard for any Axis attack on the Turks. Wellington bombers opened the swoop with before-dawn attacks on the island altfields. The bombers' job was to smash the dispersed Axis plance-make these supper and the major attacks. A secondary job for the R.A.F. was to divert the enemy's attaction and fire from the main blow. A Reuter message from Cairo carly today says :-Despite signs of the building up of Axis air strength in the Eastern Mediuernaean in readiness for the spring, the Wellington crews said they net very little opposition. "We have no idea of fighting this war merely on the defensive. That can never bring total defeat to Hitler and his associates. "There is certainly nothing for which the enemy would pay more than to know just when and where we intend to attack. We are naturally unable to satisfy this perfectly proper

M. Litvinov, who is Stalin's Ambassador to the United States, speaking on the eve of Hitler's expected offensive

Navy, R.A.F.

hit Rhodes

Hitler's Eastern

springboard

A COMBINED British

Artillery opens

Airfields at Laritza and Calato were attacked with high explo-sive bombs and machine-gun fire. A lig:utenatt-colonei in a British anti-aircraft unit who flew over ns an observer said that the fire from the ground was ragged and ineffective.

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miles here and there. But it is obvious that if our strength can be increased or—which may be easier to achieve—if four flares shuning with their com-bined 5,000,000 candle-power over "the German forces can be the airfield area."

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b push them still further ack to the German frontier, b Berlin and beyond. Waiting for signal "The further best the Ger to Berlin and beyond.



Waiting for signal "The further back the Ger-man armies are pushed, the greater which demoralisation, the greater which demoralisation, the greater within Ger-many, the greater will be the-hating populations in the countries he has subjected populations which are only waiting for a signal for de-cisive action. "And the only signal they will recognise will be a serious de-feat for the German army. "Time may be a treacherous it would, of course, be advantage to while accumulating rate resters of armaments if only the for would "This is just what he would "This is just what he would the sould not think of the result." "This is just what he would "Thi

JAPS MASS PLANES Darwin raided 'damage slight'

Express Staff Reporter

CANBERRA, Monday, A FEW hours before Port Darwin was bombed again this afternoon, Australian reporters cabled from Port Moresby that the Japanese were massing large





MELBOURNE, Monday,—Regula-tions will soon be issued placing the A.I.F. the Millitat, the RA.A.F. and the permanent millitary forces on the same footing for general conditions and pay, at an estimated annual cost of £10,000,000.—Express News Service.

L last night that Allied forces were still fighting strongly in three of the great islands invaded by the Japanese—New Guinca, Java and Sumatra. NEW GUINEA.—The Japanese say that their forces have advanced through jungle country into the interior and clashed with the Australians. "A declave battle is in pro-gress in the centre of the island," say Tokyo. Thin interior of New Guinea is minimanous, with deep jungles, large areas of which are unex-plored. MILITARY PACT A secret treaty of friendship

Within a few weeks, or ever days, there may begin the Battle of the Fringe: the coastal edge of

