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REDS NEAR ROSTOV

ported 60 Miles From

Vital Base

FOE LAYS DOWN ARMS

2.000 Axis Troops Report-

ed Surrendered Be-

fore Stalingrad

(By The Associated Press)

sian troops have captured

3,350 more German survivors

troops on the Volga, while in

the continuing offensive to

night in a regular communi-

que recorded here by the

Many Quit Fighting

Two thousand Nazi troops 'laid

down their arms, including one

whole regiment," at Stalingrad,

ed, the midnight bulletin said. This

was near the central part of Stal-

The other remaining enemy

The Russians had announced yes-

minated after a general Red army

tured voronezh on the upper Doi

south of Kursk, big German base

on the Moscow-Kharkov railway.

Yelets-Kupyansk railway.

The Russians already had re-

64,000 Axis troops on this front,

and Rumanians, who were show-

ing less disposition to continue the

struggle against the crushing So-

By WALTER LIPPMANN

discharged from the hospital after

"my recent operation has already

Walter Lippmann Says:

Woollcott Appeared Well

Prepared For His Death

pocket north of Stalingrad was be

ing annihilated, it added.

and 31,350 captured.

Soviet radio monitor.

LONDON, Jan. 27 - Rus-

AMERICAN BOMBERS LOOSE DESTRUCTION ON WILHELMSHAVEN

COPENHAGEN HIT

First All American Blows At Germany On Heels Of Conference

RAF CONTINUES RAIDS

Fast Mosquito Bombers Hit At Denmark's Big Shipyards

LONDON, Jan. 27-(AP)-Swarms of Fortresses and Liberator bombers struck the first all-American blows at Germany proper today with heavy raids on the naval base of Wilhelmshaven and the related Emden industries, while their Allies of the RAF for the first time in the war bombed Copenhagen, Den-Meeting Of French Heads

The targets of the afternoon raid by fleet Mosquito bombers of the RAF were the shipyards in the Danish capital which are working for

Coordinating Air Pounding

The coordinated night and day intning blows of the war after e announcements that a 1943 patrn for world conflict had been shioned at Casablanca by Presient Roosevelt and Prime Minister

Stockholm dispatches said four Copenhagen, which had been a atter of speculation in the House Commons only yesterday when was pointed out that U-boat Dieengines were made in the enons of the Danish capital.

Although Danish targets such as larhus and Aalborg had been ombed previously, Copenhagen was spared up to today.

fast, bombed the Copenhagen naval stallations and saw many bursts the targets. One Mosquito was lost. The Fortress and Liberator raids or Germany were on the grand scale expected to become routine practice.

The heavily armed 4-engine planes went on their missions without escort and found surprisingly little opposition.

bombed by a large force of Flying Fortresses, U. S. headquarters anhounced, but results were difficult to observe.

The Liberators winged over north west Germany to pound Emden in conference in Casablanca to lay

war plans for 1943. Three of the unescorted force of combers were lost, but a number of enemy fighters were destroyed,

headquarters communique de-

completely unawares. A sizeable fleet of German ships Senator LaFollette (Prog. Wis.) Water assembly room. The 1943 barely was missed by the Amer- voting for Flynn, seven Republiican raiders. The vessels were spot- cans and three Democrats against Walker Taylor, local insurance ted entering Wilhelmshaven just him. Senators Glass (D. - Va.),

fier the bomber force wheeled away from unloading their high exdesives on the submarine fitting and harbor fixtures. The full damage was obscured by

heavy cloud formation over the arget which forced the bombers o unload quickly through a closing ole in the overcast. The obviously heavy aerial wal-

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WEATHER

FORECAST:

North Carolina: Rain Thursday.
(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.; yesterday.

1:30 a. m., 53.6; 7:30 a. m., 47.1; 1:30 p.

1:30 a. m., 53.6; 7:30 a. m., 47.1; 1:30 p.

Maximum 54; Minimum 39; Mean 46;

Normal 46.

1:30 a. m., 98; 7:30 a. m., 98; 1:30 p. m., 98; 7:30 p. m., 90.

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. Total since the first of the month, 3:5 inches.

Allied Casualties Less Than Half Of Japanese In Recent Papuan Fight

Allied Headquarters In Australia, Thursday, Jan. 28—(R)— Allied casualties in the victorious Papuan peninsula campaian in New Guinea were less than half of the enemy's, General Douglas MacArthur's noon com-

munique reported today.

(Jap losses in the campaign have never been fully stated but on January 26 an Allied spokesman estimated that 3,000 Japs were killed in the ffinal assaults. Previous estimates have placed the size of the Jap army which waged the Papuan campaign at 15,000 men.)

GIRAUD-DEGAULLE MERGER FAVORED

Bright Spot In African Parley

ALGIERS, Jan. 27 .- (AP)-The an-Germany, and this attack fol- nouncement that Generals Giraud lowed night raids by the and deGaulle have decided to estabbomber and coastal commands lish "diplomatic relations" and will hold further negotiations, together on the submarine pens at Lor- with the relaxing of censorship on ient on the French coast and political discussion, were the most Bordeaux, farther to the favorable developments in North tacks on enemy installations with Africa today in the Wake of the Roosevelt-Churchill conference.

A communique from the headds, concentrating on U-boat rican high commissioner, hailed the ests and factories, were the tirst conference as having gained "substantial results" for France, and said personal contact with Gen. de Gaulle of the Fighting French had permitted the first examination of the conditions under which the French effort in the war of liberation might be organized."

"Exchanges of views will be con-Froms were killed in the bombing tinued on this subject," the announcemnt added. "It has been decided henceforth to establish permanent liaison."

(London dispatches said ambassadors will be exchanged, and that Gen. Georges Catroux will be de Gaulle's representative in North Africa.)

African soil caught almost all res- eight Japanese Zero fighters. idents by surprise and created more the ensuing dogfight two of the Russians hadoccupied Gorshech- unity, bouyant members of Parlia-The Mosquitos, flying low and interest than a bombshell, literally. Zeroes were believed shot down.

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BY SENATE GROUP

Wilhelmshaven was heavily FDR Appointee As Australian Minister Okehed By Solons

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.- (P) west Germany to pound Emden in a double-pointed assalt that follow- The Senate Foreign Relations com- Citizens Of Wilmington To ed swiftly on the heels of disclo- mittee put a 13 to 10 stamp of sure of the Roosevelt-Churchill approval today on President Roosevelt's nomination of Edward J. Flynn to be minister to Australia and sent it along to a doubtful

fate in the Senate. Three Democrats -Senators George of Georgia, Van Nuys of Indiana and Gillette of Iowabroke across party lines to oppose of \$35,000, it was announced by J.

returning Yankee pilots declared dorsement of the former Demo-It was a picnic. We caught them cratic national chairman. who supported the nomination, and Johnson (R.-Calif.) who opposed

it, were absent and voted by proxy. Chairman Connally (D. - Tex.) approved by the Senate next week, but opponents were claiming privately that the nomination might handled the funds handed to its

New Japanese VERAL CENTRAL TUNISIAN SECTORS irfield AKEN FROM ENEMY BY ALLIED ARMY;

Foe Sets Up Base Within Raiding Distance Of Guadalcanal

ON BAILLALE ISLAND Big Russian Drive Now Re-

Big Bombs Start Many Fires; All Planes Return Safely

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27— (P)—A new Japanese airfield, established within easy raiding distance of Guadalcanal in the Solomons, has been hit hard by American bombers, the Navy disclosed today.

Flying Fortresses roared Tuesday over the field on Bal- of the 220,000-man Nazi army lale island, three miles off trapped at Stalingrad, leavthe northeast coast of Short- ing more than 8,650 doomed land island.

Weak Anti-Aircraft Fire They encountered only weak and the west another Red army ti-aircraft fire, dumped their loads salient has driven to a point of bombs and returned safely to 60 miles from Rostov, and 80 their base. The big bombs blew miles from Kursk, two big holes in the terrain and started Nazi bases, Moscow said tomany fires in revetments, or artificial embankments, constructed to afford shelter from strafing at tacks and shrapnel.

Ballale Island has been bombed several times before, but always the Navy had referred only to atno mention that an airfield was under construction. The island is and another 1,350 also surrenderabout 300 miles northwest of our quarters of Gen. Giraud North Af. Henderson airfield on Guadalcanal, the Navy said.

No indication of the size of the new enemy airfield was given. However, it was presumed that it the Japanese have been establishing in an effort to scatter air power at separated several bases in the area.

The Navy has turned attention also to Wake Island, unmentioned in reports of Pacific battling since last December 23 when American planes unloaded thousands of of bombs, starting huge more than 40,000 have been killed are hammering at the same targets pounds

fires. Only reconnaissance planes par ticipated in the latest action over The Allied conference on North Wake. They were attacked In river the communique said the When a small force of Axis bom- All United States planes returned

Where the reconnaissance planes were based was not disclosed. This town is about 50 miles south-Wake Island, taken by the Japa- west of Voronezh. nese after a long defense by a little garrison of Marines, is 1,994 rout on the Voronezh front the a month. Unconfirmed but persis- Early said the account is commiles west of Pearl Harbor and 1,028 miles southwest of Midway

LOCAL RED CROSS GOAL IS \$35,000

Be Asked To Aid In Campaign

Citizens of Wilmington will be asked to contribute to the Red Cross 1943 campaign fund the sum' Anti-aircraft fire was light and the 23 member committee's en- Henry Gerdes, chairman of the Wilmington Red Cross chapter, at the annual chapter meeting held, The test found 12 Democrats and Wednesday afternoon in the Tide.

roll call opens on March 1, with

At the same time he divulged the few hours later, was quite well his legend flourish, as in the course local goal, Mr. Gerdes declared prepared for death. The last time of time his letters are published that the national Red Cross finan- I saw him, which was a few weeks and his table-talk finds its way

The story of how Red Cross

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Girls' Charges Denied As Errol Takes Stand way himself, with no moaning of the bar when he put out to sea. Some months ago, when he was also, I think, the source of his distinction as a critic. In the writing of

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.-(P)-1 serious, entered a firm, blanket denial in superior court today that bit or kicked me." His time at It is predicted that by fall at the

foot yacht Sirocco was anchored in a placid bay off Catalina island Tides For Today

High Low
Sunrise, 7:12 a. m.,; Sunset 5:38 p. m.;
Moonset, 11:22.

in a placid bay off Catalina island
last August; that he did not seduce
her on the return trip the following day, and that he made no (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) ing day, and that he made no overtures to her at any time.

He further denied that he had a critical illness, he wrote me that Actor Errol Flynn, unsmiling and told anyone that "this girl attack-Answering various points in Miss stantly at the wheel of his vessel,

he was guilty of any misconduct Catalina was spent largely, he tes-with showgirl Peggy LaRue Sat-tified, in posing for fishing pic-somewhat disconcerting outcome, terlee, who accuses him of twice tures for a magazine, and during as all my planning had envisaged the return trip he was almost con- a different contingency." Yet I know that he would like Answering various points in Miss stantly at the wheel of his vessel, Satterlee's testimony, Flynn asserted that he did not enter her stateroom while his luxurious 73- Miss Satterlee charges him with of the stateroom while his luxurious 73- Miss Satterlee charges him with of the stateroom while his luxurious 73- Miss Satterlee charges him with of the stateroom while his luxurious 73- Miss Satterlee charges him with of the stateroom while his luxurious 73- Miss Satterlee charges him with of the stateroom while his luxurious 73- Miss Satterlee charges him with of the stateroom while his luxurious 73- Miss Satterlee charges him with of the stateroom while his friends to say what they felt woollcott had a sharp taste. He had a piercing eye for sham. He would like the state of the state of the stateroom while his luxurious 73- Miss Satterlee charges him with of the stateroom while his luxurious 73- Miss Satterlee charges him with one of the stateroom while his luxurious 74- Miss Satterlee charges him with the would like the state of the stateroom while his friends to say what they felt woollcott had a sharp taste. He had a piercing eye for sham. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He had a piercing eye for sham. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He had a piercing eye for sham. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He had a piercing eye for sham. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He had a piercing eye for sham. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He had a piercing eye for sham. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He had a piercing eye for sham. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He had a piercing eye for sham. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He had a piercing eye for sham. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He would like woollcott had a piercing eye for sham. He would like woollcott had a sharp taste. He would like woollcott had a piercing eye for sham. He would l love to her, Flynn went almost his vanity, was in his friendships, praised, and he cared much more arrested in Los Angeles as the immediately to his own quarters which were exceptional and varfor the men and women he liked train ended its 1800 - mile run on returning to the boat, he said, ied, among the great and the simthan he worried about those he returning to the boat, he said, ied, among the great and the simthan he worried about those he returning to the boat, he said, ied, among the great and the simthan he worried about those he returning to the boat, he said, i.e., the eminent and the humble. On returning to the sold, he said, he, the eminent and the humble.

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) | i.e., the eminent and the humble.
He spent more time, and cer(Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) | said in Los Angles that Folkes (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7)

Itainly more of his best energy, on Alexander Woollcott, who was conversation and on letter-writing man heading the year's war fund stricken during a radio broadcast than he did on his published works. on Saturday evening and died a And thus his fame will grow and tion of the committee would be cial goal had been set at \$125,600,- ago, he talked about the corre- into the memoirs of our age. He spondence which he carried on liked applause and he liked being ed or the President and Prime with his great friend, Alice Duer a public character, and he liked a Miller, during her long illness, and good audience. Yet, among men of how much it had meant to her of letters, he was singularly withthat, with him at least, she did out the careerist's vices, the proof not have to pretend that she was being his pleasure in the successes going to recover. It was evident of others and his indefatigable that he wanted me to know that passion for making his friends adhe would prefer to be treated that mire his friends.

press apprecation than it is to find fault, it is much easier to be ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 27.—(P)— confessed slashing the throat of The second cook of the Southern blonde Mrs. Martha Virginia Brincriticism it is much harder to express apprecation than it is to words why the author's work is good, enjoyable, and worthy of praise. Only the best critics are able to write convincingly and persuasively when the mainline mystery admission of killing the 21-year-old graphs with the unexpected filling designer. persuasively when they praise.

Where Historic Conference Occurred

8,650 DOOMED NAZI TROOPS ON VOLGA



Dotted lines from Washington and London indicate distances President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Churchill traveled to confer at a hotel in Casablanca (circled) North Africa, with heads of the French government. Shaded areas are Axis-dominated.

Axis Peace Offensive Blocked By Conference

LONDON, Jan. 27—(P)—The 1943 world strategy conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Russian Premier Also Gets Arnim's Axis army in Tunisia, but an assertion of Axis Churchill at Casablanca has forestalled a new German peace offensive, observers said today, and informed quarters said the immediate result is likely to be the announcement of an over-all command for the impending battles of Tunisia.

An unofficial American source reported that full agreement was reached at Casablanca on a commander to take charge of British forces driving from* terday that only 12,000 trapped

Germans remained to be exter- French armies in Tunisia, An RAF commentator added that attack began January 10 when the early announcement also was ex remnants of the 22 Nazi divisions pected on plans to coordinate th efforts of Allied air forces in Li refused to surrender. Since then bya, Malta and Tunisia, all of which

While parts of the British press Sweeping weatward from recap- obviously had expected disclosure of more concrete results toward escouncil for all theaters and a French oye, 80 miles east and slightly ment expressed confidence that developments of the utmost importwest of Voronezh.

As evidence of the continuing leads plans had been multiplying for Presidential Secretary Stephen majors and a captain, surrendered Spain and would contain an offer advised

ing smashed this peace offensive bemost of them Hungarians, Italians, fore it could even get started. It was expected also that the

iet steamroller than the Germans. (Continued on Page Two: Col. 7)

STORY INCOMPLETE

Momentous Events In Making May Give Full Picture Soon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.-(P)-A military plans. broad hint came from the White Their conference with Stalin last-

communique said that 5,000 Axis tent reports said his proposals were plete "so far as it can be told and about the success of the Red troops, including a colonel, two to be made through non-belligerent at the present time." But, he army over the encircled Germans. "subsequent chapters |

is 45 miles east of Soviet van- in Poland, Russia and the Balkans. An indication that some of these guards who already have taken Thus the Casablanca declaration might be forthcoming quickly was hard to say about him. He doesn't Ousseltia, where it was said action Volokonovka on the Moscow- that the United Nations would be seen in a statement by Secretary get very excited, you know." satisfied with nothing short of un- of State Hull that he expected to conditional surrender of Germany, comment soon on some of the ported the capture of more than Italy and Japan was viewed as hav- "more vital phases" of the de- busy month." cisions reached there.

conference's clear statement that ferences an occasion for reproving appearance of a very busy man Axis prisoners. those who have been critical of with much responsibility. the State Department in regard to In reply to questions Standley in contact with two German outthe North African situation.

ence that critics should wait until ing. they had all the facts before speakheads of the British and American on the problems.

In the absence of any hint as military proposals." to what events might be expected, place, there was a widespread be- voys. lief that far more than has been announced must have been invol- ed flippantly. Minister would not have risked bassador. "He was smoking a war the hazards of their meeting. The fact that they spoke of de-

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ROOSEVELT NOTE

Letter From Winston Churchill

MOSCOW, Jan. 27 .- (AP)-Admiral William H. Standley, U. S. ambas sador, and W. Lacy Baggallay, British charge d'affaires, called at the

was informing the people of the days. details of the Casablanca conference. Previously only the official been read over the radio.

but it was learned it related to disclosed authoritatively.

House today that the story of the ed half an hour. Questioned afterance soon would become evident. Roosevelt - Churchill meeting at ward as to whether the Soviet lead- Ousseltia pass." Political observers said indications Casablanca is yet incomplete; that er seemed pleased with the note, that Adolf Hitler would offer a momentous events in the making the ambassador said: "He's a placid had been the most menacing German. He doesn't get excited easily.' But he said Stalin seemed over-

and about the success of the Red and artillery had advanced five Asked if Stalin seemed more "after a short battle" in the Varvoroyka-Shelyakino sector, which
while retaining territories occupied events unfold."

subsequent subsequent subsequent subsequent with a specific areas in which the Amerguardedly and replied, "well, it is icans were successful. North of

In response to a request for Soviet premier knew in advance comment, he told a press confer- about the Roosevelt-Churchill meet-

Reminded that foreign broadcasts Criticism that political diffi- had given the impression that Stal- met just north of the Ousseltia culties in North Africa were not in had been kept up to the minute valley as they moved through the being resolved was particularly on details of the Casablanca con-scrub covered mountains to mon heavy, he observed, while the ference, he referred reporters to up the last elements remaining governments were there laboring rica which said merely that Stalin lied positions. had been "fully informed of the

Standley said Stalin was smoking eral points indicated the German speculation was rife. In the first a pipe when he received the endeparture was hurried and un-

"No, by thunder," said the am-

Asked if he could discuss wheth-

Negro Cook Arrested In Pullman Car Death Force had attacked Messina in Sicily, and that fighter aircraft

interesting and witty in the as- Pacific's West Coast limited was son James as she lay in her berth sault than it is in putting into charged today with the slaying of while the train rolled through Linn

came with the unexpected filing daughter of a prominent Norfolk

(Va.) family. Weinrick said Folkes would be denied bail.

Mrs. James, married only four months to Ensign Richard E. James, also a member of a prom-

inent Virginia family, was slain,

ROMMEL RUNNING

ESTABLISHED 1867.

Africa Corps Commander Seeking To Join With Von Arnim

HOLD KAIROUAN PASS

Vital Passageway Now In Hands Of Allies On Foe's Route

(By The Associated Press) LONDON, Jan. 27-Amid gathering signs that a final offensive to drive the Axis out of North Africa may be near, the Allied North African command disclosed today the recapture of several central Tunisian positions with which the enemy had sought to form a line to protect the flank of Marshal Rommel's retreat into Tunisia from Li-

Rommel, whose forces were strung out widely with some behind the Mareth line about 60 miles into Tunisia, was backtracking fast in the effort to join with General von sia, but an assertion of Axis radios that his advanced elements already had made the rendezvous were not confirmed in any Allied quarters.

Contact Is Made

The British command in Cairo announced that contact had been Kremlin today and handed premier made with Rommel's rearguards Stalin a joint note from President as early as yesterday somewhere Roosevelt and Prime Minister Chur- west of Zavia, which itself is 30 hill.

At the same time the Soviet radio first contact reported in three

In Tunisia, the Allied communicommunique from Casablanca had positions in the Ousseltia valley and in the mountains to the east Admiral Standley refused to dis-uss what was in the note or even of American troops who went to say if he knew what it contained, the support of the French, it was

An Allied spokesman said in supplement

"Now we hold the Kairouan-This was in the sector of what man advance, and one unofficial report from the front said Amerjoyed at the news from Stalingrad ican mechanized units, infantry

miles to occupy the pass. A French headquarters commu Se described the premier as "very units cleared the ground to a serious" and showing "he's had a depth of from six to nine miles, while in the mountainous region By this, he added, he did not east of Ousseltia the Yanks aided The State Department head also mean to imply that Stalin looked French troops in making "definite made the disclosure of the con- in bad health but merely had the advances" and in taking about 50

U. S. and British forces were said he could not say whether the posts, obviously fighting a delaying action, in the high mountain range of the Grande Dorsale, running southwest from Pont du Fahs. American and British infantry

the communique issued in North Af- from the German thrust into Al-Reports of small arms, ammunition and food abandoned at sev-

> planned. The French alone destroyed an Italian advanced post to the northeast of Pichon, the French com-

> munique said. Allied warplanes were handicapped by bad weath r but successful attacks on German railway com-Allied headquarters in North Africa, while from Cairo it was announced that Liberator heavy bombers of the Ninth U. S. Air

had held Rommel's retreating columns under attack. The Italian radio reported that (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

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