

Served by Leased Wire of the ASSOCIATED PRESS With Complete Coverage of State and National News

THE SUNDAY STAR-NEWS THE PORT CITY OF PROGRESS AND PLEASURE

AVENGE PEARL HARBOR AND BATAAN

VOL. 16.—NO. 5. WILMINGTON, N. C., SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1943 FINAL EDITION PRICE FIVE CENTS

RAF Bombers Batter Berlin And Stuttgart

Hurl Down 1,000 Tons Of Bombs On Nazi Capital In 20 Minutes 32 PLANES LOST Air Ministry Pays Tribute To Crushing American Blow On Bremen

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—RAF heavy bombers spread fresh ruin with steel and fire through stricken Berlin last night, in 20 minutes hurling down "much more than 1,000 long tons" of bombs in the third night assault this week in the campaign to obliterate that heart of Nazidom.

Other bombers hammered Stuttgart, 300 miles southwest, simultaneously. Thirty-two big planes were lost. The Air Ministry today paid unusual tribute to the crushing American blow at Bremen Friday.

Guided By Fires Guided by fires still blazing in the German capital, the RAF targeted great new wounds and set off exploding bombs spiraling to 30,000 feet.

CHUNGKING, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The Chinese declared tonight that they were tightening their net around invading Japanese forces in Northern Hunan Province and that nearly 10,000 enemy troops had been killed in fierce fighting for the rice bowl city of Changteh.

Will Call Here



LORD HALIFAX

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR HALIFAX VISIT

Ambassador Will Be Honored At Luncheon, Visit Shipyards Friday

Arrangements for the visit of Viscount Halifax to Wilmington on Friday, December 3, during which time he will be the guest of honor at a luncheon, tour the yard of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company and review British troops stationed at Camp Davis, are now being completed, Storer P. Ware, British vice consul, said Saturday.

Lord Halifax will be the guest of Governor J. Melville Broughton at the executive mansion in Raleigh Thursday and that night will speak at Duke university, in Durham. He will return to Raleigh and the following morning, accompanied by Major H. G. Lockhart, his secretary, and Hugh C. McClelland, who will assume the consular duties at Baltimore on December 1, he will leave for Wilmington and will arrive early in the afternoon.

POPE ASKS PEACE PRAYERS DEC. 8

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII, designating Dec. 8 as a day for public prayers for peace throughout the world, said today "only gospel can bring the nations together again."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Senator Butler (R-Neb.), reiterating his charges that the New Deal is wasting billions in Latin America, suggested tonight that Vice President Wallace apologize to this nation who are paying for the wild and woolly activities of this global WPA.

Major Allied Political Move Appears

May Mean Final Crusade Against Nazis, LAST WARNING SEEN

Chiang And Benes May Attend Expected Meeting Of The 'Big Three'

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Mounting evidence of information from abroad strengthened belief in London tonight that one of the Major developments of the war is expected momentarily—in the diplomatic rather than the military field—closely related to Allied world-wide victory strategy.

The nature and full implications of such an important break could obviously relate directly to the flashing of a go-signal for the final crushing blows which leaders of the United Nations fighting have promised Germany and Japan.

When it comes, a development of this significance probably can be expected to serve as a final warning to those waging the war of ever-more-certain doom under Adolf Hitler and Emperor Hirohito.

Certainly the rumored move will find Russia taking a full place alongside the United States and Britain under the determined purpose and the clearly-expressed accord of the Moscow conference.

Meanwhile reports from abroad gave a new turn to the recent welter of foreign accounts of the possible meeting of the Allied "big three" by suggesting a fourth big Allied power also might be represented by its leader at such a conference.

This is based on the likelihood that any such talks would be of such broad purpose that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek might sit in with President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

One of the mystery men of the conference may be Eduard Benes, President of the Provisional Czechoslovak government, who left London (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

SUBSIDY PROGRAM AIRING REQUESTED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Any senate consent to continuation of food subsidy payments apparently hung today on efforts of a small democratic bloc to split strong opposition ranks with a compromise that would permit outlay of the funds for a limited period and a restricted amount.

Freed By Court



Canadian WAC Betty Trimble leaves General Sessions Court in New York City after receiving a suspended sentence on a charge of robbing service women at a canteen. She left for Canada in the custody of an officer to stand trial for going AWOL.

MACARTHUR-LODGE GROUP ORGANIZED To Be Pushed For GOP Presidential, Vice Presidential Nominations

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Letters circulated here among Republican members of congress and other officials announce the formation of a committee to boom General Douglas MacArthur and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts for the party's presidential and vice-presidential nominations.

The committee was formed in Doylestown, Pa. The state has the second largest delegation to the Republican national convention, but next year for the first time in years will have no favorite son to advance. In 1940 it put forward Arthur H. James, then governor.

Lodge was not in the city today. His secretary however, said he had not heard of the Doylestown committee.

The letters are signed by L. W. McCormick, of Doylestown, as chairman. He is described by acquaintances as an investment promoter with offices in this city as well as in Pennsylvania.

Although his announcement does not mention those associated with him on the political committee, it declares: "Our survey shows, and the past election bears us out, that a Republican can be elected in 1944. We are convinced that our nominees should be General Douglas MacArthur for president and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge for vice-president. With this combination we are confident that the election is certain."

CONDEMNED TO DEATH STOCKHOLM, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Danish refugee sources reported today that six more Danes had been condemned to death on sabotage charges in Jutland, rising the week's total to 13. The six latest cases were at Aalborg; the others were at Aarhus. The executions were delayed for appeals.

REDS SET TRAPS FOR LARGE NAZI ARMY FLEEING GOMEL; BRITISH GAIN ABOVE SANGRO

BIG GUNS ROAR

U. S. Fifth Army Smashes Two Counter-Attacks West Of Venafro

WEATHER IMPROVES

Eighth Army Advances Behind Cover Of Intensive 'Bomb Barrage'

BY NOLAN NORGAARD ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The Eighth army has sliced deeper into the elaborate German defense system northwest of the swollen Sangro river under cover of one of the war's most intensive "bomb barrages," Allied headquarters announced today.

The exact extent of the gains made yesterday in a drive toward enemy hill positions was not disclosed. From these high strong points German guns poured a destructive fire into the Eighth Army's hard-won bridgehead across the river. Flooded by more than a two-foot rise, the river now is 1,000 feet wide in some places.

On the other end of the Germans' winter line across Italy, the American Fifth Army smashed two counter-attacks against their footholds in the mountains west of Venafro, from which it threatens a broad valley leading toward Cassino and Rome.

Better Weather The American forces were favored by somewhat better weather, but the Eighth's operations were carried out in continued rains which made the going around extremely difficult and aerial attacks unusually hazardous.

The Eighth Army's attacks followed the technique of remarkably close coordination of air and ground forces developed in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. Waves of medium and light bombers as well as fighter-bombers swept over the German trenches, machinegun posts and artillery positions, scattering hundreds of bombs.

While the bombs were exploding, driving the enemy troops to cover, the British troops moved forward behind an aerial version of the "creeping barrage," of artillery fire.

Bridgehead The Eighth Army's bridgehead, which extended for more than five miles along the lower Sangro, originally was reported to be nearly a mile and a half deep, with advances of another mile or two necessary in some places to reach the hills where the Germans have established more formidable defenses.

Obviously alarmed over the fact that the troops of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery have been (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

U. S. Extends Beachhead

At Empress Augusta Bay

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Sunday, Nov. 28.—(AP)—American Marines and soldiers have driven 800 yards to the northeast during bitter fighting to extend their beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay—stepping stone on the west-central coast of Bougainville in the northern Solomons leading toward Rabaul.

A spokesman for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in announcing the advance today, said strong enemy opposition was overcome and, "although no count has been made, Japanese losses were heavy."

(More details were supplied from the South Pacific headquarters of Adm. William F. Halsey where it was reported that the fight opened Monday, requiring four days to gain the precious yardage. Halsey's headquarters said both sides sustained considerable casualties.

(The enemy fought from well prepared positions. They used machineguns and mortars. (The Japs appeared to be moving overland behind the beachhead from the Jaba river on the south side of the American positions to attack on the northeast. An American naval blockade has prevented the Japanese from moving barges down the west coast from Buka (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

300,000 RETREAT

Guerrillas Set Mines; Regulars Beat Back Enemy Front Nine Miles

ABANDON EQUIPMENT

Soviets Forces Punch Out New Salient Along Lower Berezina River

BY JAMES M. LONG LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Approximately 300,000 Germans were forced into hasty retreat from Gomel today, abandoning equipment and stores, as Soviet guerrillas infiltrated to set mines and road traps in their rear and a pursuing Red army regular force beat them back frontally nine miles in 24 hours.

Other Soviet columns pounded at the sides of the Nazis' 50-mile-wide escape corridor, as they ran a gantlet extending northwest from Gomel through Zhlobin and Bobruisk toward Minsk.

This picture was presented by the mid-night communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor, which also told of gains that punched out a new salient along the lower Berezina river and of successful defense against the German counter-attack in the Kiev bulge which was reported reinforced with eight tank divisions—some of them from Italy, Greece and Norway.

In Desperate Straits The Russians indicated that fleeing Nazi forces who lost Gomel Friday were in desperate straits. "Hastily retreating under blows by Red army troops, the enemy is abandoning heavy equipment and stores with military equipment and ammunition in the area of Uvarovichi," the bulletin said.

Uvarovichi is 17 miles northwest of Gomel and only a few miles from the railroad along which the Germans were falling back. Many trucks full of Germans were captured in one sector and in another 19 guns, 86 machineguns and numerous stores of equipment fell to the Russians. A total of more than 80 towns and hamlets fell to the Russians in this area.

Guerrillas, who played an important role in breaking the Dnieper river line this fall by leading regular troops through secret forest paths to outflank German defenses, were playing a dramatic role in this newest bid for a major German disaster.

Mine Road The communique said several guerrilla detachments operating in the Gomel region mined the road of the retreating German troops and set traps on the road.

"In one sector Soviet patriots organized road blocks and for three days and nights fought engagements with a German mortar column inflicting heavy losses to the enemy," the communique said. "Only a small number of German trucks succeeded in getting through the road block and crossing the mined section of the road."

More than 50 German trucks were wiped out and 400 Germans killed in this operation. Some of the retreating German divisions may have moved up to the north, where the Russians, who have been driving on the upper Dnieper river in a week-old offensive that has enveloped Propoisk, indicated stronger German resistance.

Cairo Parley Increases Turkey's Chance Of War

YALCHIN AIRS VIEWS

Newspaper May Be Preparing Public For Entrance Into Conflict

ANKARA, Nov. 26.—(Delayed)—In what may be a part of a campaign to prepare the Turkish public for war at the side of the Allies, the newspaper Tanin said editorially today that the Cairo conference had greatly increased the possibility of Turkey's entry into the war.

Referring to the recently-concluded talks between British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Turkish Foreign Minister Numan Menemencioğlu, Husen Yalchin, prominent pro-democratic journalist, wrote in Tanin: "If it could be said that before the Cairo talks the possibility of Turkey's not entering the war was predominant, that situation is now reversed after the Cairo talks."

Not Prepared Despite Turkey's increasing cooperation in the form of sub rosa assistance to the Allied armed forces, the man in the street has not been prepared for war and a campaign to that end has been considered a necessary step.

(The German-controlled Vichy radio quoted Turkish newspapers Saturday as saying that Istanbul's municipal authorities were preparing "to black out the city." The broadcast, picked up by CBS, added that the measure did not imply Turkey's immediate entry into the war.)

Yalchin made no attempt to predict when Turkey might be expected to drop her neutral status. "The precise conditions under which Turkey would enter the war are not apparent at this time," he wrote. "When and where are still questions to be decided."

Meanwhile, Istanbul dispatches reported a flurry of diplomatic activity. The Anatolian news agency correspondent at Budapest said that the Turkish ambassador to Rome, Rusbet Uayadin, had arrived in Budapest from Rome with his entire staff. The correspondent said also that Franz von Pappen, Hitler's ace diplomat and ambassador to Turkey, had arrived in Budapest en route back to Turkey after a trip to Berlin.

In the Paris editorial Yalchin went on to point out that, under the terms of the Turkish-British treaty of 1939 it was not necessary for Turkey to be attacked directly "to necessitate her entry into the war."

Man-Days Lost Because Of Walkouts Increase

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Idleness to strikes in October amounted to about 975,000 man-days or about one-eighth of one per cent of the available working time of American wage earners, and compare with 243,756 man-days lost in October, 1942.

Announcing these figures today, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said there were 290 strikes last month involving 215,000 workers.

The scattered coal mining stoppages from October 13 to the end of the month accounted for about 40 per cent of the total workers involved in strikes and more than half of the total idleness.

TOUGHER PACIFIC DRIVE PREDICTED

Conquest Of Gilberts May Be Forerunner Of Costlier Battles

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Conquest of the Gilberts after the "toughest fight in Marine History" may be the forerunner of even tougher and costlier battles in the central Pacific.

Secretary of the Navy Knox has declared the Japanese must be driven from the Mandated islands of which the Gilberts are only a relatively small part. And almost as treacherous and dangerous as the Japs, themselves, are the coral reefs that cover approaches to many of the enemy-held atoll bases.

It was such reefs and total lack of natural cover military observers here believe, that must have caused a greater part of the heavy casualties on Tarawa, for more than 2,000 tons of shells had plastered the island base before invasion waves went ashore.

Certainly that bombardment, plus some 700 tons of aerial bombs, killed or wounded very many of the enemy garrison estimated at 4,000 men. But, because of the terrain, even a handful of survivors could have caused heavy damage to the attacking Marines.

SHIPYARD MAKES GIFT TO HOSPITAL

Roe Expresses Thanks For Contribution Of \$5,000 To Institution

J. C. Roe, president of the board of managers of James Walker Memorial hospital, yesterday announced receipt of a gift of \$5,000 to the institution by the North Carolina Shipbuilding company.

"It is an excellent contribution and we appreciate it greatly," he said. He added that the gift shows the large industrial concern realizes the problems the hospital faces as the result of Wilmington's expanded population and declared it is to be commended for contributing financially toward their solution.

Mr. Roe pointed out that the money comes at a "most opportune time" because it will be used to continue the program of improving the institution's physical plant. The contribution raises to \$10,000 the amount the shipyard has given the hospital in the past two years.

Butler Suggests Wallace Apologize To Taxpayers For 'Wild Global WPA'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Senator Butler (R-Neb.), reiterating his charges that the New Deal is wasting billions in Latin America, suggested tonight that Vice President Wallace apologize to this nation who are paying for the wild and woolly activities of this global WPA.

WEATHER FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA: Partly cloudy Sunday; slightly colder west portion Sunday afternoon; Monday fair to partly cloudy and colder.