

WEATHER

Cloudy with occasional light rain and little change in temperature today followed by partly cloudy to night and Tuesday. Cooler Tuesday and in west portion tonight.

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NEWS — MUSICAL

CONVOY OF 3,000 GERMAN VEHICLES DESTROYED SWEEP OF RED FORCES ENGULFING EAST PRUSSIA

Invading Armies, Only 80 Miles Apart, Threaten To Split Area In Two

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Russian armies captured Insterburg today in a sweep which rapidly was engulfing East Prussia and drove past the Vistula bend in Poland to within 182 miles of Berlin.

The second and third White Russian armies, driving into East Prussia from the southwest and northeast, were only 80 miles from a junction which would slice East Prussia in two.

Marshal Gregory Zhukov's central offensive overran Labiszyn, 182 miles from Berlin and only 11 miles southwest of Bydgoszcz at the elbow of the Vistula, where it turns north to Danzig.

Bydgoszcz (Bromberg) is the seventh city of Poland with a population of 141,000.

It is 90 miles southwest of Danzig, 190 miles from Berlin and 34 miles from the German border of Pomerania.

Inowroclaw, Aleksandrow, and Argonauso were captured in Zhukov's drive on the main route from Warsaw to Berlin. All three towns are within 32 miles of Bydgoszcz.

Insterburg, a city of 40,000 population, is only 50 miles from Königsberg, capital of East Prussia, and is 37 miles inside the province.

Stalin announced the fall of the key railway center in his 18th order of the day in six days, and praised 40 generals for taking part in the capture.

Moscow dispatches said Cherniakhovsky's tanks had blazed a path to within 26 miles of Königsberg on the northeast in a conquest which was overrunning all

most half the rich old province of Prussian estates.

Apparently this was the neighborhood of the lower end of the Kurisches Haff, coastal lagoon.

DEFENSE CALL

Berlin called for a defense of the Reich by all Germans who can handle a weapon. Marshal Stalin's five great armies, smashing along an 800-mile front from the Baltic to Budapest, bore down on Berlin from 195 miles at two places and rolled over many German towns and villages in Silesia 28 miles from Breslau, Adolf Hitler's ninth city.

Only a square of northwestern Polish territory about 100 miles wide and 160 miles long remained as a buffer between Stalin's massed forces and the length of the German frontier.

The German communique inferentially admitted the Soviet capture of Tannenberg, East Prussian military shrine, by announcing that Marshal Konstantin Rokos-

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U. S. AIRMEN SHOOT DOWN 16 JAP PLANES

Carrier Aircraft In New Raids On Formosa And Ryukyus

AIR REINFORCEMENTS

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 22.—(P)—United States carrier-based aircraft, which Japanese reports said were again striking at Formosa and the Ryukyus, shot down 16 enemy planes attempting to reach the Philippine battlefield on Luzon.

This Navy interception of air reinforcements for Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's hard-pressed Luzon force was reported in a Pacific fleet communique yesterday. It said the enemy planes, flying from Formosa, were shot down Friday.

The communique made no mention of any new attack on Formosa which Tokyo radio said was being raided, along with Okinawa island in the Ryukyus, by about 450 carrier-based planes. The Tokyo report added that "air battles are now raging" and that 38 raiding planes had been destroyed and 21 others damaged. It said "several cities and towns were badly damaged."

Such enemy reports frequently precede official announcements from this headquarters of fleet operations. Adm. William F. Halsey's Third fleet carrier planes last hit Formosa Jan. 14 and 15 after raids along the Indo-China and China coast.

(Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique, issued at Luzon, said

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ALLIED AIRMEN OVER GERMANY

Britain Based Bombers Attack Military Targets Today

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(P)—Flying Fortresses and Liberators from Britain braved wintry gales over the continent and bombed targets inside Germany this afternoon. Blizzards checked the pace of the Allied air operations during the morning.

The day raid followed an attack on Kassel, 75 miles south of Hannover, last night by RAF bombers.

Yesterday American heavy bombers from Britain, flying in temperatures as low as 67 degrees below zero, plastered rail targets in southwest Germany while Italy-based bombers attacked objectives in Austria.

Nine hundred U. S. Eighth air force Liberators and Fortresses, with an escort of 500 fighters, hit Mannheim, Aschaffenburg and Heilbronn. A medium force of heavy bombers from the U. S. 15th air force skirted the Alps and penetrated as far north as Vienna.

Continued-based dive bombers of the U. S. Ninth Air force flew 539 sorties, principally against motor transport and armored circles on German roads east of the Ardennes.

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THE WAR TODAY:

Germany In Tight Spot,
Caught Between Two Fronts

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

Germany's position in the path of the Red avalanche hourly becomes more grim.

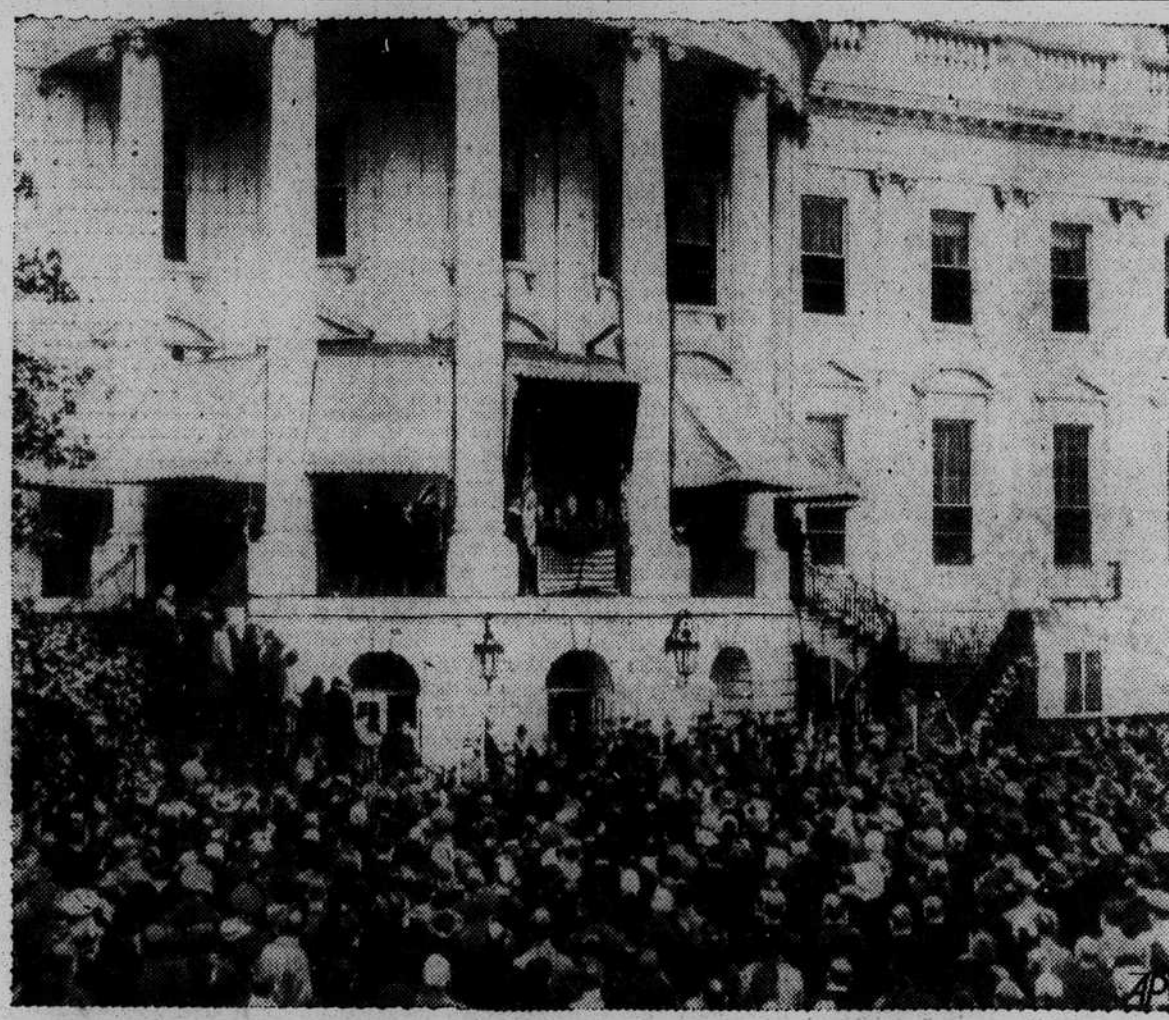
Muscovite forces have bludgeoned their way well into German industrial Silesia on the road to Breslau, important railway center and next to Berlin the greatest city in Prussia. They've stormed into East Prussia and captured Tannenberg, scene of Russia's greatest defeat in the last war and Valhalla of the Prussian militarism which the Allies have vowed to destroy as the curse of Europe. The Red war machine is driving the

Hitlerites before it across the frozen plains of Poland towards the borders of the Reich.

How long can the Germans hold out against this terrific offensive—an onslaught unprecedented in history for weight and intensity? The Hitlerites are frank to admit that the European war has entered its decisive stage. The only point in doubt is how long the Reich can hold out.

In trying to find an answer we shouldn't jump to the conclusion

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CROWD ON WHITE HOUSE LAWN FOR INAUGURAL—President Franklin D. Roosevelt takes his fourth term oath on the rear porch of the White House as diplomats, members of congress, and distinguished guests look on in foreground, standing in the snow. On the porch are cabinet members, Supreme court justices, and their wives. Roosevelt grandchildren watch from stairs.

DR. BARNHARDT DEATH VICTIM

Rites This Afternoon For Well-Known Methodist Minister

Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon of Charlotte and District Superintendent E. M. Jones of Gastonia headed a group of Methodist leaders gathered in Shelby this afternoon to pay final tribute with local friends and associates to the memory of Dr. J. H. Barnhardt, 71, whose 46 years of faithful service as a minister of the Methodist church closed with his death here Sunday morning.

The funeral at 4:30 p.m. in Central Methodist church is being conducted by the Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., assisted by Rev. J. S. Gibbs and Rev. R. M. Hauss. Burial will be in Sunset cemetery here.

Death came to Dr. Barnhardt, long a leader in the Western North Carolina Conference, at Shelby hospital just a week after he had suffered a stroke at his home here.

Two days prior to that he had participated in the Crusade for Christ rally at Central Methodist church and had been actively leading the newly-organized Hoyle Memorial church for whose pastorate he emerged from a two-year retirement.

FROM MARION
Dr. Barnhardt came to Shelby to live from Marion after serving several of the leading pastorates of the Western North Carolina Conference, including Asheville's Central church, Greensboro's West Market street church, High Point's

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ROBBERIES ARE CLEARED UP

Robbery of the A. J. Putnam store at Waco, Joe Philbeck's station and City Service station in Shelby, all of which occurred on the same night, has been cleared up with the arrest of James Philip Neal and Robert Putnam, both of Cherryville. It was announced this morning by Sheriff J. R. Cline who worked with Highway Patrolman H. D. Ward and Gaston county officers on the case. The defendants were arrested last night in Cherryville by Patrolman Ward and the Gaston officers.

Sheriff Cline said this morning that both prisoners had admitted a part in the robberies and that part of the loot taken from the Waco store has been recovered.

The prisoners will be given a preliminary hearing in Gaston county as well as in Cleveland county as crimes took place in both counties.

In all, Sheriff Cline said, there are a dozen cases of breaking and entering in which these defendants are involved, only three of which are in Cleveland county. They are also said to be wanted in Knoxville, Tenn.

MANPOWER SET-UP:

Anti Closed-Shop Amendment Inserted

Stipulation; No Man Drafted For Job Can Be Required To Join A Union

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(P)—The house military committee wrote an anti closed-shop amendment into manpower legislation today and refused to specify agriculture as a critical industry.

The amendment, which members said was approved 14 to 10 in a closed session, stipulated that no man taking an industrial job at the request or direction of his draft board should be required to join a union as a condition of employment.

Opponents contended the amendment, offered by Representative Andrews (R-NY), would violate closed or union shop contracts between industry and labor.

The committee likewise turned down an amendment by Representative Stewart (D-Okla.), to write into the work-or-be-jailed legislation a directive to selective service to "consider agriculture as a critical war industry" and to issue at once a directive to local draft board ordering them to follow the letter of the Tydings amendment.

This portion of the selective service law spells out conditions under which farm workers may be deferred from induction.

COAL, STEEL
Reports of alarming conditions in coal and steel industries were added today to the nation's increasing problems over war manpower shortages.

But Congress hopes to have some of the answers figured out before this week end as the house military affairs committee resumes consideration of work-or-jail legislation.

The steel industry, in indorsing such legislation, sees these danger signs ahead:
A reduced coal supply . . . down to a point to seriously threaten steel mill operations.
Loss of manpower in the steel mills in the approaching induction of men aged 26

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DRAFTEES GO FOR INDUCTION

Henry Lawton Fogle Is Named Leader Of Group Off To Fort Bragg

A group of 89 selectees under the leadership of Henry Lawton Fogle left here this morning for Fort Bragg for final induction into the armed services. Sixty-three of the group were fathers.

Assistant leaders were James Buren Wilson and Gordon Lumley Chambers. Hal Bridges and Joseph Archie Moore were the only selectees who failed to answer to their names. Their addresses are now being sought by the draft board.

Those who left were:
James Blanton Ponder
Ray William Moore
Matthew William Blanton
Carl Lathrage Mullinax
Paul Clarence Nanney
John Lee Hicks
Thomas Cecil Powell
Roscoe Patterson Wright
Robert Eual Floyd
Alfred Mitchell Wilson
Allen Webb Gardner
Howard Bernard Bettis
James Buren Wilson
John Quentin Bridges
Colon Eli Hamrick
Jack Peterson
Loyd Lamar Cabanis
Joe Williamson Bowen
Coell Foster
Ernest Spurgeon Philbeck
John Albert Davidson
Harry Woodrow Fowler
Roy Franklin Sweeney
J. C. Runyan

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Transport Trucks Caught By Allied Warplanes In Attempt At Getaway

PARIS, Jan. 22.—(P)—Allied warplanes caught 3,000 German vehicles, the bulk of transport of an entire army, in an attempted sneakaway from the Ardennes salient through the Siegfried line to the Rhine, and tore them to pieces today in a ruinous daylight attack.

The planes attacked with bombs, rockets and machine-guns.

The nazis had waited too long to run the gantlet down the snow drifted escape roads and were caught on two highways in concentrations so thick that the allied pilots said afterwards "we couldn't miss."

There was every indication that the ruin would be the greatest since the wounded wehrmacht fled for the Seine through the Falaise Gap. The destruction of equipment promised virtually to immobilize at least one of Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's two mobile reserve armies.

Allied air power intervened as the American Third Army fought into the straits of Wiltz, southern anchor of German defenses in Luxembourg, and as the U. S. First Army stormed into the open from the forest belt protecting St. Vith, 2 1-2 miles away.

On the north, the British closed within three miles of the Roer river near its confluence with the Maas (Meuse) at the German stronghold of Roermond in Holland. The French First Army striking up from Mulhouse apparently was slowing down in deep snow after gaining up to six miles in two days. German attacks north of Strasbourg apparently were being held.

Two road jams, each containing roughly 1,500 vehicles and each containing some tanks, were spotted by pilots over the Ardennes at 5:30 a. m. These were kept under attack for 90 minutes with everything the planes could toss through the overcast, which hampered but did not stop the slaughter.

One concentration was in the Prum area, behind the Siegfried line and east of sharply menaced St. Vith. The vehicles were headed toward Bohn on the Rhine where heavy troop movements had been observed earlier.

SECONDARY ROAD
The other was taking a secondary road eight miles north of Diekirch, apparently bypassing Vianden, a road junction close to the Luxembourg-German border which already was under American artillery.

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POLIO DRIVE STARTS TODAY

School Children Begin Campaign With A Solicitation For Dimes

"Got a dime mister?" That isn't a panhandler talking but a Cleveland county school child who has been commissioned to raise funds in the annual infantile paralysis drive which started here this morning. Much preliminary work was done Saturday by the school children who are being given first whack at the folks with their appeal made on behalf of the less fortunate children who are afflicted or who may hereafter be afflicted with polio.

Chairman John Anthony who is directing the campaign said this morning that preliminary reports from the schools have indicated that the work of solicitation has started with enthusiasm. Work in the city schools of Shelby is under the direction of Walter Abernethy, superintendent of schools; in the county schools under the direction of Horace Grigg, county superintendent; and in Kings Mountain by N. Barnes, superintendent of schools.

SCHOOL QUOTA
The county school system has been assigned \$3,000 for its part of the total Cleveland quota of \$12,800. This has been worked out on the theory that each white class room can give approximately \$13.50. This quota was worked out by a committee of principals composed of D. W. Morris, of Bethware, W. R. Gary, of Fallston, and H. K. Leonhardt of Dover Mills.

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

7:30 p.m.—County Medical society meets at hospital.

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of Lions club.

7:30 p.m.—C. A. P. meets at armory.

7:30 p.m.—Cleveland lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. meets. Work in third degree.

Tarlac Falls To Americans

By ELMONT WAITE
GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 22.—(P)—Tarlac, with its two airfields only 65 air miles from Manila, fell to the swiftly-advancing Americans.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today. The once proud city, most prosperous in the central Luzon plains, was reduced largely to smoking rubble by the fleeing Japanese only a few hours before the Yanks arrived.

Seizure of the important rail and highway junction put the Americans nearly half way to

Manila from their Lingayen gulf beachhead and within 22 miles of Clark airfield, largest of the Philippines. Adjacent to Clark field is Fort Stotsenburg, major military post.

Tarlac, a city of 55,000 including its populous suburbs, was devastated by the Japanese, who evidently sprayed every building with gasoline and applied torches as the Americans approached down two converging highways.

Only bewildered, homeless Filipinos met their liberators. Associated Press Correspondent

Fred Hampson said the main body of American troops entered the city Sunday noon "too late to catch it." Japanese garrison but not too late to experience the full extent of destruction wrought here by an enemy which had abandoned it to flames only a few hours before.

Tarlac had six miles of paved streets, three hotels, four large schools, provincial capitol buildings a large rice mill and hundreds of substantial shops and dwellings.

"We captured Tarlac all right,"

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