

WEATHER

Cloudy with light showers today followed by clear to cloudy weather tonight, slightly colder tonight. Saturday, fair and cooler. New freezing in north portion tonight.

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EAST PRUSSIA CUT OFF; GERMANS THERE ISOLATED 40-MILE STRETCH ALONG ROER CLEARED OF NAZIS

Seventh Army Holding New German Offensive In Alsace In Check

PARIS, Jan. 26.—(P)—American Ninth and British Second Army troops cleared the entire west bank of the Roer river 40 airline miles from Holland to below Duren today, achieving a strategic springboard for attacks against the industrial Ruhr and the Rhineland.

Flame-throwing infantry of the Ninth Army advanced more than a mile in a limited night attack, capturing Brachelen, 27 miles southwest of Dusseldorf, and 97 Siegfried line pillboxes.

"British patrols just north reported they reached the Roer on a front of several miles without contacting the Germans," AP Correspondent Wes Gallagher reported from the Ninth Army front. "This clears the Second Army sector west of the Roer and liberates the Sittard sector of Holland."

On the opposite flank of the western front, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th Army appeared to have brought the new German offensive in north Alsace to a standstill, AP Correspondent Robert C. Wilson reported.

The Americans sealed off penetrations by seven Nazi divisions and slowly hammered the line back to its original positions in fighting during one of the worst snowstorms

in Alsace since the war started. House fighting continued in Schillersdorf, 10 miles north of the Saverne Gap, Allied lifeline to imperiled Strasbourg. Wilson said the Germans were being herded into the southeast sector of the town.

In the woods just west of Haguenau, 15 miles north of the Al-

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Poles In Exile Ask Allied Commission

U. S. Receives Note Asking Inter-Allied Group To Administer Poland Until Elections Can Be Held

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(P)—The United States has received a memorandum from the Polish government in exile asking establishment of an inter-Allied commission to administer Poland until elections can be held.

This was disclosed today by Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew at a news conference which covered a wide range of diplomatic affairs.

Grew also: 1. Announced that Herbert Pell, United States member of the United Nations war crimes commission in London, had to be relieved of his job for lack of congressional appropriations. Grew said Lt. Col. Joseph V. Hodgson, former attorney general in Hawaii, would replace Pell and that this government will continue its active interest in the punishment of war criminals.

2. Applauded as "courageous and forthright" a letter by 16 freshmen senators to President Roosevelt supporting American participation in a world security organization patterned after the Dumbarton Oaks agreement and plans for the demilitarization of Germany and Japan.

3. Revealed that Russia has agreed to exempt the United States and Great Britain from clauses in the Hungarian and Rumanian armistices giving the Soviet high command control of all communications including code from those two countries. Grew said the clauses were intended to apply to nations not represented on the control commissions, composed of

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

7:00 p.m.—Inter-city Rotary club meeting. 8:00 p.m.—Regular communication of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. and A. M.

RATE DOUBLES:

Nelson Says China Coming Along On War Production

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(P)—Donald M. Nelson has predicted to President Roosevelt that China's war production this spring "should be at least double the November rate" and soon will be felt on fighting fronts.

It was in November that Nelson, former war production chairman and now a personal representative of the president, made the second of two trips to China to help build up war output.

A report on the missions cited specific measures put into effect and asserted that "for the first



RUSSIANS CROSS ODER, ISOLATE EAST PRUSSIA—Arrows on this map show developments in Russian drives westward on the Eastern Front (heavy line). Moscow announced Russian troops have crossed the Oder river southeast of Breslau in German Silesia, and Berlin reported another Soviet crossing at Steinau farther north. From Berlin also came the report that the Second White Russian Army had driven through to the Baltic coast, shearing East Prussia from the Reich. The Reds were said to have reached the Baltic at Elbing.

ITALIAN FRONT ACTION LIGHT

Bad Weather Continues To Limit Troops To Patrol Activity

ROME, Jan. 26.—(P)—Snow and rain continued to limit activities on the Italian front to patrolling during the last 24 hours, with the enemy showing extreme sensitivity to Fifth army patrols testing his defenses south of Bologna, Allied headquarters announced today.

The weather also restricted air activity, although Allied planes flew more than 500 sorties. Communications and transport in the Po valley were targeted. Five German planes were destroyed on the ground. Four Allied craft were missing.

Fifth army patrols engaged in numerous skirmishes—in the area of Monte Belmonte; at Sanansano, a village on highway 65 below Bologna; and at several points just

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Hoey To Teach Class Sunday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(P)—Senator Clyde R. Hoey will resume his Sunday school teaching this Sunday. He will "spell out the regular Sunday lesson" to the men's Bible class of Mt. Vernon Place Methodist church.

The former North Carolina governor who taught a Sunday school class in Shelby or Raleigh for more than 40 years found he couldn't keep it up every Sunday with his congressional duties here.

Opponents Of Wallace Set To Defeat Him

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(P)—Opponents shifted to a frontal attack on the cabinet nomination of Henry A. Wallace today as the former vice president set up boundaries on the authority he might wield as secretary of commerce.

The senate commerce scheduled a closed meeting (at 2:30 p.m., EWT) to vote on legislation to strip the department of control over the government's sprawling lending agencies.

But even as this action neared, administration critics let it become known that they believe they have 48 to 50 votes—enough to defeat the nomination—if it is considered before the senate passes on the divorce bill.

For that reason, they had changed tactics and were urging that Wallace be voted up or down with the department standing intact as Jesse Jones left it under the sting of a dismissal letter from President

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BUSINESS MEN BACK WALLACE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(P)—A committee of business men has been formed to support Henry Wallace as secretary of commerce "all the way" and to oppose stripping the office of its loan operations.

An announcement issued from its headquarters said more than a hundred business men had authorized a telegraphed request to Chairman Bailey (D-NC) of the senate commerce committee that they be heard on the George bill which would take the principal financial duties away from the commerce department.

Among those listed as being members of the new group were Andrew Jackson Higgins, shipbuilder, J. Louis Reynolds of the Reynolds Metals company; Mark Ethridge of the Louisville Courier-Journal and James H. McGill, president of the McGill Manufacturing company, of Indiana.

In the statement, the committee said "we are for Wallace all the way because we believe he stands for the policies which mean prosperity for our businesses and all business."

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BILL ON SALE OF MARGARINE IS CONSIDERED

Dairymen Oppose Measure To Allow Color Added Before Sale

DIVORCE MEASURE UP

RALEIGH, Jan. 26.—(P)—A bill to allow the sale of colored margarine was introduced today in the legislature by Representatives Vogler of Mecklenburg, Pearsall of Nash and Allen of Wake.

The measure, which would not affect the tax schedule, was introduced in the face of concentrated opposition by organized dairy representatives and was sent to the agriculture committee.

Under the present law, grocers cannot sell colored margarine but must provide customers with a packet of coloring.

Reps. Kearney of Franklin and Hardison of Craven sent up bills to change the requirements for absolute divorce for civilians from two year residence to one year. Under another bill by Kearney, servicemen could enter divorce litigation after establishment of a six months residence. There is no provision under the current law to care for servicemen.

Rep. Whitfield of Pender introduced a bill to pay teachers a war bonus, expected to amount to little more than \$3,000,000 a year. His measure would not be in conflict to the salary increase recommendations made by the advisory budget commission, but would overlap and provide teachers with total increases amounting to nearly \$14,000,000 a year.

HIGHWAY BILL

Rep. Umstead of Orange, and others, introduced a bill to appropriate \$7,500,000 annually for the coming biennium for construction and improvement of county highways and to require that such funds be expended for no other purpose.

No provision for maintenance is included in the measure, and the \$15,000,000 fund for the next two years, would be in addition to recommended highway department

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New York Yankees Bought By Three

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 26.—(P)—Robert A. Becker, a business associate of Del Webb, Phoenix contractor, said here today Webb, Capt. Dan Topping and Col. Larry MacPhail had purchased the New York Yankees.

"I understand the deal was put through yesterday afternoon," Becker said. "Mr. Webb telephoned me in the morning to transfer some money to him there to facilitate his part of the transaction."

Becker said he believed the price involved was around \$2,800,000.

German Reports Place Russian Troops Near Border Of Brandenburg

LONDON, Jan. 26.—(P)—East Prussia has been cut off and German troops there isolated, Moscow dispatches reported flatly today, as Russian tanks to the south were placed by German broadcasts close to the border of Brandenburg, Prussian province of which Berlin is the capital.

From Moscow AP Correspondent Eddy Gilmore said Russians, having isolated the German forces in East Prussia, were now starting "the grim task of storming Konigsberg and Elbing, the two biggest centers of resistance left." A wide mopping up operation in the German province was reported in progress, with Soviet columns still 10 to 15 miles from Konigsberg.

Marshal Stalin announced today the capture of four East Prussian towns on the approaches to Konigsberg in an order of the day. The four towns are Allenburg, Nordenburg, Lotzen and Tapiau.

Allenburg is 32 miles southeast of Konigsberg and Tapiau is 21 miles east of the East Prussian capital Nordenburg. It is 21 miles southwest of Insterburg.

All were described in the order as "powerful strongpoints in the permanent German defense lines covering the central districts of East Prussia."

Today's German communique said Russian tank formations had driven "farther to the west and northwest on both sides of Poznan." It reported bitter fighting was in progress for Paznan, Bydorszcz and Torun.

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RESISTANCE LIGHT:

Clark Field Firmly In American Hands

Fort Stotsenburg Also Taken; Japs Withdraw Into Hills To Shell Field With Artillery

By The Associated Press

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 26.—Clark Field, with its 17 airstrips within striking distance of the China coast, was firmly in American hands today along with adjacent Fort Stotsenburg. Triumphant Yanks rolled on south against such light opposition that combat officers expressed doubt the Japanese would make a determined fight short of Manila, some 40 miles south.

Vast Clark Field, most highly developed aviation center in the Philippines with its extensive network of landing strips, shops and other installations, was captured early Thursday by Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold's 14th Army Corps.

The Americans found few Japanese but numerous land mines and booby traps as they swarmed over Clark in pursuit of an enemy garrison of perhaps 5,000 which fled into the hills where artillery positions could keep the airstrips unusable.

The main body of Japanese was being hounded by American artillery. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said "our forces are engaged in clearing enemy troops from the nearby hills."

Capture of Clark Field, certainly a major prize of the war, constituted a personal satisfaction for MacArthur, whose main air strength in the Philippines was wiped out in December, 1941, as Japanese divebombers struck devastating blows to open the Nipponese conquest of the islands.

Sixth Army Yanks moved onto

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Forty Enemy Planes Bagged In Peiping Raid

CHUNGKING, Jan. 26.—(P)—U. S. 14th Air Force P-51's destroyed 40 enemy aircraft, probably destroyed six and damaged two in a strike yesterday at airfields in Peiping, an American communique announced today.

Five enemy fighters were destroyed in the air by the northern-based American planes, which wrecked four locomotives and damaged another on their return trip.

Three American planes failed to return. In the Chinese ground fighting, Japanese troops were reported by an army spokesman to have slashed down from western Hunan and cut into the slim Chinese hold on the Canton-Hankow railway by occupying Lokchong, 150 miles north of Canton, and Pingshek, 15 miles more to the south.

NEAR KUKONG

Pushing up the railroad from the south in Kwangtung province, the Japanese were only 18 miles from Kukong, the province's provisional capital, while troops pressing in from the north were some 45 miles south of their base at Hengyang in Hunan. These developments left less than 100 miles of railroad remaining in Chinese hands, the spokesman said.

In Kiangsi province, the Japanese have advanced toward Suichwan, the government spokesman said, in a southward drive which reached a point only 28 miles from the city. This drive was based in Yungsin, 120 miles east of Heng-

Tokyo Reports B-29's Attacking Singapore

By the Associated Press. A broadcast Japanese communique said today that "several enemy B-29 heavy bombers" attacked Singapore early today, and added the usual claim that "absolutely no damage was caused by this enemy nuisance raid."

The Tokyo communique, recorded by the Associated Press, said also that a lone B-29 later in the morning appeared over the area, apparently on a reconnaissance mission.



YANKS FIGHT THEIR WAY SOUTHWARD ON LUZON — American infantrymen, accompanied by a Sherman tank, fight their way southward toward Manila on Luzon island in the Philippines. Late dispatches said the Yanks are now besieging Clark Field, less than 50 airline miles from Manila.