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ADVANCE WIPES OUT LAST OF BELGIAN BULGE

U. S. Ninth, British Second Armies Consolidate Along Roer

HOLDING INITIATIVE

PARIS, Jan. 27 .- (AP)-U. on a 20-mile front in Luxembourg and Belgium gained up to three miles today and reached the Our river barrier

The Third's roll-up to the Our river frontier, wiping out last vestiges of the Ardennes bulge, came as the American Ninth and British Second armies in the north consolidated their hold along the west bank of the Roer river inside Germany within 25 miles of Dusseldorf.

Allied troops held the initiative all along the winding western front, and the German's offensive in Alsace had dwindled out.

American 90th division pa-trols reached the Our river at a point 4 1-2 miles northeast of Clervau in northern Luxembourg, a front dispatch said. They met no resistance. Troops of the 17th airborne division punched forward three miles at a point seven miles below St. Vith.

They and three other divisions Reich. The 26th division drove plosives. ahead 2 1-2 miles above Wiltz, and Results of ced from a half to one mile. The Third Army bagged 591 prisoners

yesterday. BREACH WIDENED Second armies held the Roer river Washington that bombers of Maj. bank from Roermond to Mon-Gen. Curtis E. Lemay's 21st comschau, 19 miles southeast of Aachen, and had widened the only mand had struck the Japanese breach in the Siegfried line to 35 home island on a daylight mission,

Russia's great offensives were being felt increasingly on the snowbound western front, as witnessed by the Nani withdrawal to the Roer river and the halt to German attacks in Alsace.

For the second straight day pilots reported a steady flow of heavy rail traffic east and northeast from the whole Ruhr region. This possibly was linked with the mounting menace to Germany in the WAR BULLETIN east. The Ruhr train movements might reflect a last-minute shift the Washington headquarters did of hoarded military material reserves eastward.

Allied planes battered again Frithe 79th division of the U.S. others.
Seventh Army had rubbed out the NAVAL BASTION last German bridgehead over the Moder river west of Haguenau. as deep as seven to eight feet.

Enemy Air Activity Directed At England

During the 24 hours ended at

thern England. Damage and against Iwo Jima Wednesday and casualties were caused.

Gigantic Campaign Will OF WARD CO. **Collect Clothing For** Destitute Of Europe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has asked Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilder, to head a gigantic campaign to collect "usable used clothing" in this S. Third Army troops striking country for relief of Europe's destitute millions.

The drive will be directed by the United Nations Clothing Relief committee, composed of UNRRA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—
(P)—Henry J. Kaiser, ship-builder-industrialist, has accepted the national chairmanship of a United Nations clothing collection for relief of the needy in war devastat-

In a letter made public by the White House today Presi-dent Roosevelt told Kaiser the drive will be started in April. The American people will be

asked to contribute 150,000,000 pounds of good used clothing for free distribution to men, women and children in the war exposed regions.

and almost 60 other relief agencies, all volunteer.

ign the suffering and need of the peoples of liberated Europe, Mr. Roosevelt asked Kaiser to take the chairmanship of the committee. It is understood that he has agreed

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Superforts In Twin Raids On Jap Targets

Military Objectives Blasted In Indo-China And On Home Island Of Honshu

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 .- (P)-American Superforts were astride or across the "sky-line drive" highway running north to st. Vith on a 1,500-foot ridge military installations in enemy-held Indo-China and ranking mans' Siegfried line guarding the industrial targets on the home island of Honshu with ex-

> not immediately made known will be disclosed when operational reports are received.

Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander The U. S. Ninth and British of the 20th Airforce, announced in hitting industrial areas.

The Japanese themselves said the target was Tokyo. Radio Tokyo said some 70 B-29s were over the capital for an hour in the early afternoon and that fires started by the raiders were brought under control at

B-29s of Brig. Gen. Roger M Ramey's 29th bomber command, which attacked Indo-China targets, possibly were gunning for new Japanese shipping concentrations ly in the Appennines, particularly intended to reinforce Luzon.

A brief war bulletin issued at not specify objectives or the size of the air fleet.

It was from Camranh Bay, some day at Nazi rail and road trans- 1,000 miles from Luzon on the port, and RAF tactical air force Indo-China coast, that the Japplanes alone in 150 sorties de- anese two weeks ago apparently stroyed 13 locomotives and dam-aged 18, wrecked or damaged 150 their besieged forces in the Philiprailway cars, and 26 road vehicles. pines. Carrier planes of Admiral Snowdrifts hampered all six William F. Halsey's Third fleet Allied armies in the west, and fog smashed this force, sinking 25 Japoverhung the Alsace plain where anese warships and damaging 13

The nearest Asiatic Japanese fleet base from which the enemy can base from which the enemy can Men of the First and Third armitry to bolster his Luzon forces, ies floundered through snowdrifts Camranh Bay is one of Japan's key naval bastions. Saigon, 200 miles southwest of Camranh Bay, was this former French protectorate's chief commercial port before the

war. Today's strikes was the 45th and LONDON, Jan. 27—(P)—An air deth major missions by B-29s of ministry of home security commands. From Mariana nests Super-During the 24 hours ended at forts launched three other attacks dawn this morning there was enemy activity directed against sou- Japanese homeland Tuesday and

Responsibility For Planning Board Is Placed On Governor

RALEIGH; Jan. 27—(AP)—Governor Cherry has been told that the state planning board will step out as a body if the executive concludes its job is complete.

Thus it appeared that the responsibility for the fate of the board has been shifted to the governor from the lap of the joint appropriations committee of the general assembly whose list of knotty problems has mounted steadily during the last two weeks.

The disclosure that the board was ready to quit if the governor so decreed was made

at an appropriations committee hearing yesterday by Capus Waynick, a member of the board, who took exception to a statement by the advisory budget commission that the duties of the planning group could well be shifted to other state agencies.

The budget commission did not provision for further supthe board in its recom-appropriations for the extended his power first over the port of the board in its recom-

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Results of the twin attacks were Front In Italy Relatively Quiet

ong the Italian front was limited the emergency." ing rains turned the deep snow to slush, Allied headquarters an-

were only spasmodic patrol clashes reported in both the Fifth Army sector below Bologna and the Eighth Army front above the Bologna-Rimini highway.

German prisoners of war captured by the Fifth Army confirmed recent reports that the Nazis were constructing defenses rapid-

Patrolling was exceptionally active on the Fifth Army's right British Troops flank southeast of Bologna. The Americans slashed at a German roadblock north of Monte Fano and knocked out a machine gun. FONDAZZA

A South African patrol pushed into the town of Fondazza, about 20 miles southwest of Bologna in the highway 64 area, and found it unoccupied save for civilians who

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KANSAS CITY, Jan. 27.—(P)— Thomas J. Pendergast, 72, former powerful Democratic boss of Kansas City and Missouri who served a year in federal prison for income tax evasion, died last night of heart disease.

"Big Tom," as he was known, entered a hospital last Tuesday. He had suffered from a heart ailment and complications since an coronary thrombosis while attending the 1936 Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

Pendergast, one of the most colorful of the big city bosses, reached the height of his power in 1932 when his huge majorities in Jackson county helped elect a governor and 13 congressmen-atlarge and in 1934 when he successfully backed the little known Harry S. Truman, now vice president of the United States, for senator. The stocky political chieftain took over the reins of the first war Democratic organization on Kansas City's river front from his

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ARMY SEIZURE SAID ILLEGAL

Federal Judge Sullivan Rules In Favor Of Montgomery-Ward

TO APPEAL DECISION

CHICAGO, Jan. 26 .- (AP)-Army seizure of Montgomery Ward and company properties on order of President Roosévelt was declared illegal today by Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan who said "it is with considerable reluctance In a letter eloquently describ- I have arrived at the conclusions in this case."

Ruling on a case which the gov-ernment said affected the nation's entire wartime labor dispute settlement machinery, Judge Sullivan

"Our nation is engaged in a global war and it is imperative that we contribute everything we have to insure its speedy and successful conclusion. x x x

"Our country is in a great crisis and our liberty and very existence are at stake. So deep-ly do I feel on this subject that I believe it is not too much to expect that for the duration employers, employes and unions on the home front should make a determined effort to adjust their labor disagreement with-out resorting to strikes and

"Selfishness, arrogance, intolerance of the rights of other, self interest and unwillingness should, during this emergency be all subordinated for the common good. x x x

"The peacetime privilege of engaging in prolonged labor dispute.

should be voluntarily suspended for the duration. A tribunal has been the duration. A tribunal has been established to accomplish peaceful settlement of labor disputes during

to patrolling again today as driv- 16 properties of the huge mail order concern on Dec. 28 was illegal, Judge Sullivan asserted:

"I am of the opinion that the President was without authority, During the last 24 hours there either under Section 3 of the War Labor Disputes Act, or under the war powers conferred upon him by the constitution as commander in chief of the Army and Navy to take possessions of the plants and facilities of Montgomery Ward and

The decision in the case which the government said affected See ARMY Page 2

Capture Ondaw

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND home in Grover.
HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon,
Jan. 27. —(P)— British 14th army in January, 1944, in miles northwest of Mandalay, while 15th Indian corps troops in the Fifth Allied landing on the west coast of Burma in a north invaded Cheduba island, 100 miles southeast of Akyab.

A southeast Asia command comnunique announced today that other 15th Indian corps troops captured Myohaung, 38 miles northeast of Akvab.

Renewed Japanese attacks were reported in the Singu sector, 42 miles north of Mandalay, but all were declared repulsed. Japanese assaults on the bridge-head across the Irrawaddy at Thabelikkyin farther north were re-



PFC. WAYNE CARNER



PFC. JAMES R. DAVIS

In declaring the army seizure of Pfc. Wayne Carner Killed, Pfc. Davis, Sgt. Bridges Missing

> Three casualty messages have been received here today involving closed doors, the committee mem-Cleveland county soldiers fighting bers voted 14 to 5 against a moin the European theatre of operations. Pfc. Wayne Carner of Grover is reported killed in action, and Pfc. James R. Davis of Shelby and Sgt. Ben H. Bridges, jr., of Kings Mountain are reported missing in action.

> Pfc. Wayne Carner was reported killed in action in Belgium 18,000 Yanks In January 8 while serving with the 194th glider infantry, according to ETO Reported AWOL a telegram received from the war department by his wife, who, with their daughter, Carole, makes her

Pfc. Carner entered the Army in January, 1944, and received his troops have captured Ondaw, 15 training at Camp Croft and Fort Meade, Maryland, before going overseas in August, 1944. Prior to entering the Army he had

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WHAT'S DOING

SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.-U.S. O. center open to service men visiting in the city.

7:30 p.m.-Lions club committees working on fresh air camp plans will meet at East-side Baptist church.

Temporary Shortage Of Gas Results From 'Freeze' Rumor

A baseless rumor that gasoline; Rationing officials said today stations that a temporary short- they interfere with normal operabeat the ban.

business this morning.

Defense transportation has placed on our fighting fronts. an embargo on rail shipments for And, he adds, that's a good thing three days owing to blizzard con- to keep in mind next time you city, then Jackson county and ditions tying up traffic in the hear a freeze order impending northeast, but gasoline rationing -and throw it into the teeth of is handled by the OPA.

was to be frozen Friday night there is ample gasoline available gained circulation late yesterday to cause such a run on gasoline for normal needs but that when runs develop in such unjustified fashion as was the case yesterday age developed as some dealers tions in a manner that hurts pumped tanks dry servicing lines those, and innocent others, seekof cars whose owners sought to ing selfish advantage for themselves. The worst thing anyone There was no freeze applied and can do, said a rationing board ofthose dealers who didn't sell out ficial, is to seek personal advantyesterday were still enjoying brisk age when Uncle Sam finds it necessary to take drastic steps - it The rumor developed, evidently, isn't patriotic, it isn't smart, it from the report that the Office of isn't fair to try to steal a march

the wise guy telling it!

WALLACE IS REJECTED BY COMMITTEE

Senate Will Vote Monday On Nomination For **Cabinet Post**

FRIENDS GET BUSY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-(P)-Henry A. Wallace's cabinet nomination goes to an uncertain fate in the senate merce committee.

But in the face of this unprefolio without lending authorityfor the 56-year-old Iowan who stepped down from the vice presidency pust a week ago. Senators Lucas (D-III) and

Maybank (D - NC), Wallace backers, announced support for a committee-approved bill to separate from the commerce department the vast moneydispensing agencies built around the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which Jesse Jones managed for 12 years.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla), generalissimo of the former vice president's forces, virtually conceded the bill would pass. He said there would be no objections to its conration before the nomination is brought up.

The inference was plain that he be established."

The northern arm of the drive Rokossovsky's brilliant drive to the be confirmed if the senate had speared to the border "east of some assurance that the monetary Schneidemuhl," said Transocean, a a not go alor cabinet job from which the presi-

dent fired Jones. Pepper said he interpreted the commerce committee's action yesterday as giving a sort of priority to the legislation, offered by Sen-ator George (D-Ga), when both matters come up for action, possibly Tuesday, (unless senate rules are suspended, bill and nominations must lay over a day after the committee formally reports.) In a two hour session behind

tion to report Wallace's nomina-Six Democrats joined with eight Republicans to rebuff the man who had presided over the senate for

the last four years. Five Democrats voted for the motion.

PARIS, Jan. 27.— (AP) —Official figures published in the army cellent artillery sites, could delay newspaper Stars and Stripes show that more than 18,000 American 17 landing strips. soldiers are currently absent without leave in the European theater. Brig. Gen. P. B. Rogers, commanding general of the Seine section, indicated, however, that the majority probably are cases of brief absence, some soldiers using their own means to rejoin units after leaves instead of going back through regular army channels.

20 MORE ENEMY VESSELS SUNK

Report Concerns U. S. Sub Activity In Far Eastern Waters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27-(AP) -U. S. submarines have sunk 21 more enemy vessels, including a light cruiser, in far eastern waters, the Navy an-

nounced today.

The tell also included a large tanker, a large cargo trans-port, a medium auxiliary, 9 medium cargo vessels, a medium tanker, 3 small cargo transports, and 4 small cargo The actions, announced in a

Navy communique, brought to 979 the total of Japanese vessels sunk by submarines, in-cluding 104 combatant and 875 non-combatant ships. Today's announcement rais-

ed to 15 the number of Japanese cruisers sunk by subma200,000 TRAPPED:

German Accounts Place Invaders Approximately 90 Miles From Berlin

LONDON, Jan. 27 .- (AP)-Red army spearheads have advanced to German positions on the Obra river in Brandenburg province, the German high command announced today.

This river runs 75 to 95 miles east of Berlin. German accounts indicated that two prongs of Mar-Monday. Bearing a "rejected" shal Gregory K. Zhukov's drive, outflanking Poznan in cenlabel from the senate com- tral Poland, had reached or crossed the border of Brandenburg, which at its nearest point is 91 miles from Berlin.

The Nazi high command said one arm of this drive adcedented action, friends moved vanced between Leszno (Lissa) and the Netze river, which swiftly today in an effort to sal- winds northeast in eastern Germany, touching the border at vage half a loaf-a commerce port- Schneidemuehle, 135 miles northeast of Berlin.

The Russians were halted in front of German positions on the Obra, the German communique said. The location of the drive as given by Berlin, between the Netze and Polish Leszno, indicated that this spearhead was storming across the shortest route to the German capital. The Obra, at its nearest point, is about 74 miles from Berlin. It bulges eastward and forms the Brandenburg border for a short distance

about 95 miles from the capital. Later DNB, German news agen- Nazi agency. The Germans said cy, said the Russian tanks had been this spearhead reached the north-stopped at Bentschen on the Obra river, astride the main highway direct from Poznan to Berlin. The Obra in this area is 97 miles from the German capital. "The place itself has always been

in German hands," the DNB broad-cast said. "It is likely, however, that the Soviet forces in this area will follow up and that a new front will

The German high command also said the Russians made "several major penetrations" of German lines in the upper (southern) Silesian industrial area south of the Vistula river. Meanwhile, in the north, a force of perhaps 200,000 Nazis was trap-

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Yanks On Luzon Run Into Resistance

Clark Field Pounded By Jap Artillery From Hillside **Cave Positions**

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon Jan. 27 .- (AP)-America's Sixth Army spearing down the central Luzon plain dug into its first appreciable resistance Friday. Japanese artillery opened up on Yank-captured Clark airfield as American ground forces encountered resistance south of the Bamban river.

Clark Field, largest airdrome in the Philippines and a major prize of the war, was captured early BERLIN BEING Thursday by units of the 14th Army corps who chased an enemy garrison of perhaps 5,000 into the pearby bills nearby hills. Hillside cave positions west and north of the huge airdrome, ex-

The Sixth Army, which had been opposed only on its left flank as it drove cautiously down the broad plain toward Manila, came up against the stiff resistance near the main Manila highway.

American use of the air field's

There the 14th corps, whose advance units are at least five miles beyond Clark Field at Angeles-about 40 miles north of Manila—found the first indication capital feel now "they are in the that Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's Japanese defenders may make a stand before the Yanks reach holding its breath watching the the commonwealth capital.

CLEARING HILLS There was no word of further See YANKS Page 2

very front area. The atmosphere has suddenly changed-Berlin is east.

south of Berlin.

The corespondent said that for MacArthur said his men were the first time morning newspapers clearing the hills southwest of appeared in Berlin as a single sheet. Bamban and had captured many He said that editorials continued artillery pieces and machineguns. "concise and severe," stressing that personal cares must be put aside progress southward from Angeles in face of the danger menacing Berlin, and that everyone must fight to the bitter end

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 27. -(P)-

Three travellers arriving indepen-

dently from Berlin declared that

slow, gradual evacuation of men

Shortage of rolling stock because

of military needs and lack of hous-

ing elsewhere was expected to

make evacuation difficult, but 25

trains were reported placed at the

disposal of the refugees 10 miles

Aftonbladet's Berlin correspon-

dent reported that residents of the

and women from the German cap-

ital started this morning.

Compromise Is Sought On Manpower Legislation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 .- (A) - and a large segment of industry. House leaders sought today to compromise deep-rooted differences threatening to doom manpower legislation.

Their efforts appeared to be getting nowhere as the house prepared to begin Monday a week of what promises to be the bitterest debate in recent years.

Two major issues, each backed by a group refusing to give ground, was approved by the military comwere the obstacles menacing the limited national service proposal requested by President Roosevelt and opposed by organized labor

Southerners and a sizeable bloc of northern members are insisting that the legislation contain a provision permitting men to join or to refuse to join unions on jobs to which they are assigned by draft Known as the "anti closed shop"

amendment, this provision once mittee and then was withdrawn in the interest of harmony, Labor

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