

WEATHER

North Carolina—Mostly cloudy with little change in temperature, showers over coastal section today followed by partly cloudy and slightly colder tonight.

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STATE THEATRE TODAY "HERE COMES THE WAVES" Bing Crosby — Betty Hutton Sonny Tufts — Also News

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Allies Cut Colmar Pocket In Two, Trapping Nazis Below Strasbourg

Liberation Of Manila Imminent

Zhukov Moves His Army To Oder River Line Along 140-Mile Front

ROER RIVER HEADWATER DAM CAPTURED

Yanks Fighting 13 Miles Inside Germany On Central Front

LINE CUT THROUGH

PARIS, Feb. 5.—(AP)—American tanks and French Moroccan mountain troops cut the Colmar pocket in two today, trapping elements of perhaps three German divisions in the Vosges mountains south of Strasbourg.

American tanks of Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn's 21st corps crashed down from south of Colmar while the Moroccans advanced from north of Mulhouse in a combined gain of eight miles. The pocket, reduced to less than 200 square miles by midnight, was virtually erased and the threat to Strasbourg from the south was erased.

In the center of the western front where the American First army has penetrated the Siegfried line, infantry captured one of the Roer river headwater dams and won high ground controlling another.

The Americans were fighting 13 miles inside Germany in the Schnee Eifel—snow mountain—and were within a mile of Gemund and Schleidern, Siegfried line bastions at the eastern edge of the last west wall fortifications. Battle dispatches said the line had been broken clear through between the German towns at a point 28 miles from the Rhine city of Bonn and 16 from the communications hub of Euskirchen.

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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. T. H. LUTZ

Well-Known Shelbiana Died In Local Hospital Sunday Morning

Mrs. Dona Patterson Lutz, 66, wife of T. H. Lutz, died yesterday morning at 6:20 o'clock at the Shelby hospital following a long period of ill health. She sustained a broken hip in a fall about two and one-half years ago but became seriously ill only a few days ago. Funeral was being held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home 204 Grover street with service being conducted by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. J. W. Suttle. Interment was to take place in Sunset cemetery.

COUNTY NATIVE

Mrs. Lutz, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yancey Patterson, was a lifelong resident of Cleveland county and has a wide family connection. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband, T. H. Lutz; the following children, Mrs. Paul Wellmon, of Clinton; Mrs. Henry Overton, of Shelby; Mrs. Madge Beam, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Hunter Neisler, of Kings Mountain; Miss Sadie Lutz, of Shelby; and by 11 grandchildren. The following brothers and sisters also survive: S. C. Patterson, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Frank Limerick, of Anadarko, Okla.; C. C. Patterson, of Shelby; Dr. R. M. Patterson, of Concord; and Miss Lillian Patterson, of Norfolk, Va.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Junior Chamber of Commerce meets at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p.m.—Piedmont Council Boy Scout court of honor meets at court house. 8:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of American Legion at Legion building.

TUESDAY 7:30 p.m.—C. A. P. members meet at army.



WHAT RUSSIANS HAVE GAINED IN THREE WEEKS — The shaded area on this map shows territory taken by the Russian army in the three weeks that have elapsed since the start of the Soviet winter offensive on Friday, Jan. 12. Dates indicate the week-by-week movement of the battlefront. The heavy line at left represents the present front as described by Moscow.

Air Offensive On Reich Is Continued

RAF Bombers Smash At Bonn During Night, American Warplanes Over Austria Today

LONDON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Several hundred RAF heavy bombers smashed the railway center of Bonn in western Germany last night and the German radio reported today that American raiders were thundering over Austria in continuation of the allied air offensive.

Other industrial and communications targets in the Ruhr valley were attacked last night in conjunction with the assault upon Bonn, with both heavies and Mosquito bombers participating.

There was no confirmation, however, of a German report that Berlin—target of a record-breaking assault by 1,000 U. S. Flying Fortresses Saturday—had again been hit. Reports filtering through from Berlin via neutral sources indicated that the Saturday raid had cut many vital rail lines feeding the eastern front, in addition to laying waste an area of two square miles in the heart of the city.

Last night's raiders split into five separate fleets over the continent, striking also at the Nordstern and Osterfeld benzol plants and at factory districts in Hannover and Dortmund.

No fighter opposition was encountered, but five bombers were downed by flak.

RAIL YARDS

Bonn, on the left bank of the Rhine and on the main line from Cologne to southern Germany, has

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TANK CRASHES GATE:

Prisoners In Santo Tomas Greet Rescuers Joyously

SANTO TOMAS PRISON CAMP, MANILA, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Liberty was a steel tank with a 75 mm gun for a torch and a white star on its tempered flank. The driver slipped the clutch and Liberty idled before the chained gate of this war prison which held—we prayed—some 3,700 men women and children of the United Nations.

"Open up" roared the tank commander. No hand appeared to slip the gate's bolts. "Open the goddam thing or

SEVEN DIE AS TANKERS CRASH

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—(AP)—At least seven men were reported killed and 50 to 60 injured today when two tankers collided in New York bay, causing an explosion on one loaded with high octane gasoline.

The navy public relations office said the Panamanian tanker Olio, in ballast, rammed the American tanker Spring Hill carrying the gasoline.

The Staten Island medical examiners' office said it was notified that seven persons were killed. Police had a similar report and said 50 to 60 were injured.

Police said a third tanker caught fire, but the navy said it had no confirmation of the report.

The fires were brought under control several hours after the collision, which occurred at 8:30 a.m. (EWT) off Stapleton, Staten Island.

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NAZIS DEMAND 'RESISTANCE'

Warn German People "Big Three" Will Urge Them To Desert

By E. V. W. JONES

LONDON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—German radio propagandists stepped up their campaign for last ditch resistance today as reports that the "big three" conference already is under way gained general acceptance.

The Berlin radio warned the German people that they could expect from President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier

LONDON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The Berlin radio reported today that there was fear in Tokyo that Russia may enter the war against Japan as a result of the Big Three conference now generally believed to be in session.

Stalin a new appeal "to desert their present leaders" and surrender.

"But this time the Germans will not be taken in by this childish device," the broadcast added. "There is only one slogan—unconditional fighting."

Seeking to stir up German fears of surrender, the Berlin radio quoted an officially inspired article appearing in all German newspapers to the effect that Premier Stalin would demand the services of 4,000,000 Germans to repair war damage in Russia.

RED DEMANDS "You may be sure the demand will soon be raised to 10,000,000," the article added.

"One can see that the amihilation plans of our enemies are aimed at forcing the German people at

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Anti-Firecracker Law For Cleveland Sought

A movement to have the anti-firecracker law, projected in Mecklenburg county, extended to embrace Cleveland county and thus make it unlawful to pop firecrackers in this county made its appearance here today as leaders planned to confer with Senator Lee B. Weathers, who will be home for the weekend, to ask him to sponsor such an extension of the law.

REDS ATTACK FORTRESS CITY OF KUSTRIN

Kustrin Outflanked On North By 18-Mile Soviet Advance

SECURITY SILENCE

By The Associated Press LONDON, Feb. 5.—German and Russian guns duelled across the Oder today as Marshal Gregory Zhukov moved First White Russian army tanks and infantry to the river line along a front of 140 miles, threatening to outflank Berlin through north Germany as well as in the south.

The German high command said violent Russian attacks were in progress against the Oder river fortress of Kustrin 40 miles east of Berlin.

Latest official Moscow announcements told of the capture of Barwade, 38 miles northeast of the German capital, in an 18-mile advance which outflanked Kustrin on the north and placed Russian spearheads within 45 miles of the Baltic port of Stettin at the mouth of the Oder.

Zhukov's tanks thrusting toward Stettin in a threat to topple that port and circle Berlin on the north were traveling in radio silence, Moscow said, but were believed to be cutting behind enemy groups and causing great damage.

German accounts, far ahead of official Moscow announcements in that area, told of Red Army penetrations to the area of Schwedt, on the Oder, 28 miles south of Stettin, and the region of Fyritz, 22 miles southeast of Stettin.

FLANKING THREAT

Simultaneously, Zhukov's forces in the Frankfurt bulge between the Oder and Warthe poised a southward flanking threat by the capture of Ziebingen, 13 miles southeast of Frankfurt and five miles from the Oder.

German underground reports received in London said the Germans already were building flying bomb ramps 50 miles west of Berlin and facing the

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Senator Hoey Will Spend Weekend Here

United States Senator Clyde R. Hoey next weekend will pay his first visit home since taking his seat in Washington and will teach his men's Bible class as usual at Central Methodist church. It was announced today by C. Knox Hardin, president of the Hoey class.

Mr. Hardin said that a general invitation is extended for the occasion which he hopes will see the large classroom filled to greet Senator Hoey.

Japs Report U. S. Landing On Jolo In Philippines

By The Associated Press An unconfirmed Tokyo broadcast today said 3,000 American troops landed Jan. 18 on Jolo Island in the Philippines. Jolo is the largest of the Sulu group, lying midway between Mindanao and Borneo.

The broadcast claimed that up to Jan. 27 the Japanese garrison on the island had inflicted casualties on the landing party "amounting to more than 300, the loss of one mountain gun, three amphibious tanks, and 20 bivouacs, which were demolished."

The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission said the Yanks brought ten tanks ashore.



PRISONER OF NAZIS—2nd Lieut. Ralph P. Blanton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Blanton, Sr., of Mooresboro, is a prisoner of the German government according to word received today by his wife, the former Miss Ava Blanton, of Shelby. In service since November, 1942, he was pilot of a B-17 and had been unreported since December 5 when his co-pilot was listed as missing.

KINGS MOUNTAIN WOMAN KILLED

Mrs. Max Yarbrough Dies Of Injuries Sustained In Wreck

Mrs. Maj Yarbrough, formerly of Kings Mountain, died in a hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas, last night at nine o'clock as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident yesterday afternoon. She and her husband were enroute to Camp Barkley, Texas, where Mr. Yarbrough was to be stationed, and their automobile was sideswiped by another vehicle.

Mr. Yarbrough, who is serving in the Army, was stationed at Camp Roberts, Little Rock, Arkansas and had been transferred to Camp Barkley, Texas. The couple, traveling by automobile were just a few miles out of Little Rock when the accident occurred.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough were taken to a nearby hospital and Mrs. Yarbrough's father, Harvey Roberts, of Kings Mountain, was contacted. He left immediately for Little Rock by train, but shortly after his departure a message was received that Mrs. Yarbrough was dead. Mr. Yarbrough's condition was not learned, but he talked from the hospital in Little Rock to Mr. Roberts after he had been admitted as a patient.

Mrs. Yarbrough's body will be brought to Kings Mountain and funeral arrangements will be made upon arrival. She was Miss Olivia Roberts before her marriage to Max Yarbrough.

Twelve Injured

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Twelve persons suffered minor injuries when the Iron City express and locomotive and tender collided head-on two miles east of here early today, the Pennsylvania railroad announced.

The express train's electric engine and the locomotive were damaged, but no coaches were derailed and traffic was delayed only briefly, officials said.

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Manpower Legislation Runs Into Prospect Of Delays

By FRANCIS J. KELLY WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Manpower legislation ran into the prospect of indefinite delay today when the senate military committee reversed an earlier decision and ordered hearings.

RESISTANCE MEAGER:

Half Of City Is Already In American Hands

By The Associated Press GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Feb. 5.—The Stars and Stripes flew over half of Manila today and thousands of American and British civilian prisoners were free as Yank columns, including a new paratroop regiment landed to the south, pressed against little more than sniper fire toward complete liberation of the Philippine capital.

First cavalry and 37th infantry division forces controlled the northern part of Manila a few hours after entering the city late Saturday night, and penetrated Sunday as far south as the wide and deep Pasig river, which divides the city.

The first cavalry Yanks, in an encircling move by night, speared immediately to the Santo Tomas internment camp from the east and liberated about 3,700 civilian prisoners, mainly American women and children, held there since May 1, 1942.

Associated Press Correspondent C. Yates McDaniel reported that for 34 hours the lives of 270 of the internees hung in the balance as the Japanese camp commander bargained for a truce of safety for his men.

A Blue Network broadcast said the truce was finally arranged and 65 Japanese soldiers were escorted to a mile from Santo Tomas and were released.

Lucien L. Rock, former oil man, was quoted as saying the Japanese held the 270 internees, including two women and 35 children, in the Santo Tom-

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Jap Oil Targets On Sumatra Attacked

Powerful British Naval Force, Including 4 Carriers, Strikes "Damaging Blow"

KANDY, Ceylon, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A powerful British East Indies naval force which included the carriers Illustrious, Victorious, Indomitable and Indefatigable has struck "the most damaging blow" at Japanese oil supplies with attacks on southern Sumatra, southeast Asia headquarters announced today.

The first attack by carrier-borne planes was against the refinery at Palembang Jan. 25, a special communique said.

The second attack against another Palembang refinery was four days later, on Jan. 29.

The Japanese heavily defended the installations with fighter aircraft from several airfields, an inner and an outer ring of anti-aircraft batteries and a balloon barrage, and in the widespread fights of the first day 13 enemy fighters were shot down and 34 more destroyed on nearby airfields, the communique said.

Eight more were shot down on the second day and four others destroyed on the ground.

Six more enemy planes were shot down in the course of attacks on the battlefleet, bringing the total

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FIRES SET IN RAID ON KOBE

12 Left Burning Along Edge Of Mitsubishi Ship-building Plant

B-29 BOMBER HQRS, Guam, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Returning pilots from the first Superfortress raid on Kobe, Japan, reported today that more than 34 fires were visible as they left the city.

Twelve of the large ones were burning fiercely along the western edge of the Mitsubishi heavy industries which is primarily a ship-building plant covering 10,200,000 square feet and containing 18 main buildings.

Other fires sprang up almost immediately in the center of the city. Two others were seen in the most congested part of Japan's sixth largest city, near the waterfront.

OPPOSITION The sizeable force encountered moderate fighter opposition and moderate anti-aircraft defenses but no B-29s were lost in combat. One was ditched, however, on the long flight back to the Marianas but the crew was rescued.

(Twentieth air force headquarters in Washington said that three Japanese fighter planes were destroyed, 10 probably destroyed and 29 damaged.)

This is the third raid in force against Honshu since Maj. Gen. Curtis Le May took over the ever-growing Superfortress force in the Marianas.