

WEATHER

North Carolina: Partly cloudy and slightly warmer today and tonight, except little change in temperature north and west portion tonight. Sunday cloudy becoming colder.

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"NIGHT CLUB GIRL"

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RED ARMY FORCES CLOSING TOWARD KOENIGSBERG FIRST ARMY TWO AND A HALF MILES FROM KLEVE

GERMANS FLOOD ROER RIVER FROM BIG DAM

Allied Forces Crashing Through Defenses At Several Points

PATTON NEAR PRUEM

PARIS, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Canadian first army troops, bursting through the main concrete belt of the Siegfried line in the Reichswald, struck today to within 2 1-2 miles of Kleve, while the Germans flooded the Roer river on the U. S. ninth army front through gushing spillways of the Schwammenauel dam.

Other units battled in the Rhine town of Millingen, six miles northwest of Kleve, in the army's swift-developing threat to slice behind the Rhine and the rich Ruhr industrial area.

Waters of the lower Roer river, along which the American Ninth army is arrayed, rose a foot and a half in an hour at some points as the Germans opened floodgates of the Schwammenauel dam impounding 170,000,000 tons of water.

U. S. First army infantrymen upstream reached one side of the great dam today and prepared to go on across to clinch its capture.

The Germans had opened the valves on the north side of the 1,080-foot long structure, whose pent-up power if released all at once might send an 18-foot tide storming down the Roer valley.

Built of earth around a concrete core, the dam is 180 feet high and has a drainage area of 258 square miles.

U. S. First army infantrymen upstream were within rifle range of the great dam. Still farther south U. S. Third army troops fought within three-quarters of a mile of the Siegfried prize of Pruem, and scored advances today of up to a mile northeast and southwest of the road hub. Germans resisted desperately.

German reinforcements were flung against the Canadian First army push which apparently had breached completely the main pillbox line protecting Kleve.

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LIGHT BOMBERS BLAST CONVOYS

68 Nazi Planes Destroyed In Allied Attacks Yesterday

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Continental-based light bombers of the Allied Tactical Air Forces, keeping up the air attacks on Germany, blasted road and rail convoys in The Netherlands and the Western Reich last night.

Sixty-eight Nazi planes, including five jet-powered Messerschmitt 262s were destroyed in daylight yesterday and Allied losses were 26 planes.

German jet planes escorted by regular fighters challenged 1,200 American heavy bombers and almost 900 escorting Mustangs and Thunderbolts over the key rail targets of Lutskendorf, Weimar and Madgeburg. It marked the first time the 10-mile-a-minute jet craft had penetrated the American fighter screen for a direct attack on the bombers.

American fighters shot down 23 German planes and ripped apart 41 others on the ground. Four more Nazi planes were shot down by RAF Spitfire pilots on offensive sweeps over the battle lines and a divebomber attack on a V-2 oxygen plant in Holland.

Allied losses for the day were 19 American bombers and five fighters and two British fighters.



FIRE RAGES IN MANILA AREA HELD BY JAPS—Raging fires, started by Japanese demolition charges and U. S. mortar blasts, burn in the enemy-held area of Manila, capital of the Philippines. This is the first photo of Manila under battle conditions.

Enemy In Manila Is Resisting Stubbornly

Japs Evidently Set For Long And Bitter Defense Of Dock Area Of City

MANILA, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Mined streets and Japanese mortars firing from the upper floors of office buildings slowed American infantrymen today in their stubbornly-resisted drive through the heart of Manila toward dock areas south of the Pasig river.

It was clear the desperate and trapped Japanese would fight long and bitterly in defense of the flame-blackened Intramuros district, through which the Yanks must pass to reach the dock area from their amphibious Pasig river crossing.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur in his communique today described the fighting as "of the fiercest" and said the enemy was set for a "final stand."

While the 11th airborne division pressed the southern side of a three-way trap, five battalions of the 148th and 129th infantry regiments of the 37th division gained 2,000 yards from the Pasig as they headed into the strongly-defended Intramuros (Walled City), a highly-congested commercial and residential area.

Reinforced concrete pillboxes and mines were hazards around; from the second floors of office buildings the Japanese poured down deadly mortar and machinegun fire. The enemy used the mortars with good effect, and, of course, considerable damage to buildings.

Fires burst in three sections of Manila yesterday, but seemed to be diminishing.

Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold 14th corps commander, told Associated Press Correspondent Fred Hampson that the Japanese have wantonly devastated a considerable part of the heart of Manila with demolition charges.

The Japanese tried to land a large-load of reinforcement troops along the Tondo waterfront just north of the Pasig river mouth, but these were wiped out.

Caring for a large number of hungry civilians and liberated internees is not easing the army's task of clearing Manila. Transportation facilities are still insufficient

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U. S. Senate Committed To Peace Efforts Says Hoey

The United States senate, which holds the making of treaties within its power, is definitely committed to international co-operation after this war and ratification of a peace treaty, in the opinion of Senator Clyde R. Hoey who returned to Shelby yesterday for a short stay after spending his first month as a member of the senate.

Senator Hoey regards this as true because of the important action of the new members of the senate in banding themselves together and sending assurance to

ASSEMBLY GETS LOCAL BILLS

Statewide Liquor Referendum Bill Expected Next Week

RALEIGH, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Only local measures were up for consideration of the general assembly's Saturday session, but as the seventh week of the 1945 legislature loomed, informed quarters looked for the introduction of the oft-expected state-wide liquor referendum bill.

The measure, which for some time has been in the process of being framed, was scheduled to have been introduced early this week, but its champions withheld the bill for the purpose of revamping some of its provisions. That it would definitely be ready for submission to the assembly early next week seemed probable.

The bill which is one of the recommendations of Governor Cherry would provide a statewide vote on the liquor question six months after the close of the war. He had originally recommended no specific time for the ballot, but the post-war proviso was inserted after the Allied Church League of North Carolina recommended it, so that thousands of servicemen and women now absent from the state would not be deprived of the right of expressing their wishes.

A busy legislative week was yesterday capped by consideration of the problem of caring for unfortunate as bills were submitted to the legislature providing for a hospital for spastic paralytic children, improved administrative systems at the four hospitals for the insane and revision of the existing mental hygiene laws.

Senator O'Berry of Wayne, introduced a measure creating a children's hospital. The bill provides that a commission be named by the governor to study the need for

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Lt. Paul Safe In U. S. After Japs Torpedo His Ship

His auxiliary ship, "The Porcupine," having been lost by enemy action in the Pacific, Lt. Daniel Paul, husband of the former Miss Isabel Hoey of Shelby, has been safely returned to this country and is awaiting reassignment. It was learned today following official release of announcement of the loss of the vessel he commanded.

Lt. Paul had communicated to his wife here the fact that his ship had been lost but pending official release she had not mentioned the development. Six other vessels, including LST craft, a motor torpedo boat and a submarine chaser sunk off Leyte, were also listed in the same communique as lost.

JAP CABINET RESHUFFLED

Move Is Result Of Criticism; Gen. Koiso Still At Head

By The Associated Press The Japanese cabinet has been reshuffled in response to continuing criticism, the Domei news agency reported today, but Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso remains at its head.

The dispatch was beamed to occupied Asia and recorded by the federal communications commission. A change in the cabinet comes on the heels of months-long criticism of Japan's war effort which has increased with each of the continuing Japanese reverses. Koiso has met each protest by partially yielding to his critics while still maintaining the dominant role.

RESHUFFLING Announcement of partial reshuffling of Koiso's cabinet coincided with Tokyo admissions that the U. S. conquest of the Philippines is interfering with the flow of vital raw materials from the Dutch Indies and other southern areas.

A Tokyo domestic broadcast, recorded by FCC, said interruption of southern supply lines makes it "important that the wealth and materials in China be more and more utilized.

Koiso's government issued a decree accelerating the mobilization of students into the armed services.

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Mighty Force Of B-29's Lays Bombs On Tokyo With 'Excellent Results'

TWENTY-FIRST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 10.—(AP)—A powerful force of B-29 Superfortresses—probably the largest ever to hit Japan—bombed Tokyo today in "rare good weather."

B-29 pilots returning home radioed that they had enjoyed "excellent results."

Tokyo broadcasts said "approximately 90" Superfortresses striking in five waves in the early afternoon (Japanese time) caused "some damage to ground installations."

Japanese announcers said the giant bombers began the attack at 2:30 p. m. (1:30 a. m. eastern war time) and continued dropping bombs and incendiaries on the area for an hour.

The raid, the 52nd Superfort attack on Japan, was first announced by the 20th airforce in Washington. This was the fifth mass B-29 strike at the enemy's home islands in February.

Both "good weather" and the report of results from returning planes while still in flight are "very unusual,"

unofficial headquarters spokesmen said.

Results of such strikes usually are not reported until photographs have been examined after the Superforts have returned to their Marianas bases. Hence the bombardiers are believed to have been "certain of devastating hits" today.

BIG FORCE

The force making this strike was at least as large as any formation of B-29s ever sent over Honshu, main island of Japan, and probably was larger.

The precise target was not identified but was described as an industrial objective in the Tokyo area of Honshu.

Japanese fighter opposition

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Formula To Settle Polish Dispute Urged

Washington Hopes Big Three May Be Working Out Solution To Problem

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—American officials are urgently hoping that the big three will produce a formula for settling the Polish dispute.

The problem represents probably the most severe test of Allied cooperation. It can hardly be solved without some concessions by Russia, without commitments as to Poland's future by the United States and without considerable pressure by the British on some elements of the London-Polish government.

President Roosevelt is understood to have gone to the Black sea conference ready to make more far-reaching agreements than Washington would have considered possible a few weeks ago in an effort to satisfy the Russians as well as conciliatory Polish groups on future security questions.

The complexity of the task facing the big three probably has been heightened by the disclosure that the Polish government in London made an appeal to the president and to Prime Minister Churchill last Sunday to take up with Stalin the handling of officers and men of the underground units by the Russians.

The problem illustrates the complexity of the whole Polish political situation. American diplomats say the Russians are afraid of the pro-exiled government attitude of the underground army because throughout the war they have maintained loyalty to their government. The army is regarded here as heatedly pro-Polish and not pro-Soviet as are members of the Polish administration at Warsaw.

CHARGES The charge of the London government specifically is that in battles around Krakow and some other points the Russians accepted the cooperation of the Polish home army, as it was formerly called, but when the battle was won they disarmed the Polish units and arrested the officers as potential troublemakers in liberated Poland.

Two days ago London reported that the exiled government there

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COUNTERBLOWS ARE REPULSED

Fifth Army Holds Ground Against Nazi Assaults In Italy

ROME, Feb. 10.—(AP)—German counterattacks have been repulsed in the Serchio valley and Italian west coastal area where the fifth army had made limited advances in the last few days, allied headquarters announced today.

The Nazis were halted at Streeto, three miles southeast of the important town of Massa and about 20 miles southeast of the naval base of La Spezia.

American artillery fire in the Serchio valley cracked another counterattack in battalion strength in the vicinity of Lama, 19 miles north of Lucca.

Headquarters said allied patrols all along the coastal area encountered increased Nazi opposition.

In the central sector south of Bologna allied guns pounded enemy positions and mortar duels were reported.



SGT. JOHN WATTS



PFC. WILLIAM LANE

TWO CLEVELAND BOYS MISSING

Sgt. Watts, Pfc. Lane Missing; Pvt. Clifton Davis Located

Two Cleveland county boys are reported missing in action in the European theater of operations, and one, previously reported missing, was found and is hospitalized in the European area. The missing are Sgt. John Watts and Pfc. William Y. Lane, both of Shelby, and the boy returned to Allied control is Pvt. Clifton Davis of route 2, Shelby.

Sgt. Watts, husband of the former Miss Corine Queen, is reported missing in action since January 23 in Luxembourg, according to word received from the War Department by his wife.

Sgt. Watts entered the Army in January, 1944, and sailed for an overseas station in July, 1944. Mrs. Watts and their son are making their home at 902 South Morgan Street, while he is in service.

Pfc. William Y. Lane, husband of Mrs. Martha W. Lane of 917 Logan street, is reported missing in action in France since January 22, according to a telegram received from the War Department by his wife.

Pfc. Lane entered service in July, 1943, and took his training

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WHAT'S DOING

SUNDAY 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.—U. S. O. center open to service men visiting in the city.

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.—Presbyterian elders entertain deacons at dinner at the church.

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ELBING TAKES POUNDING FROM RUSSIAN GUNS

Nazi Naval Units Said Taking Part In Fighting There

U. S. TANKS USED

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Red army closed toward Koenigsberg today, apparently preparing to storm that beleaguered East Prussian capital from all directions with a force which the enemy said included American amphibious tanks.

Moscow accounts said that Elbing, farther west, was receiving a terrible pounding from big Russian guns drawn up around the encircled Nazi garrison. The Germans declared that Nazi naval units led by the 10,000-ton pocket battleship Admiral Scheer was taking part in the Elbing fighting.

Simultaneously tremendous battles for position raged up and down the Oder river front as the First White Russian army of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov maneuvered for a big push on Berlin.

The Germans have reported the Russians across the middle Oder 35 miles due east of Berlin and the slashing of north-south communications between Kuestrin, Frankfurt and Fuerstenberg, key cities in the defense forefield of the German capital.

Zhukov's troops, according to the enemy, were pressed back further to the Oder from their bridgeheads between Fuerstenberg and Kuestrin, but AP Correspondent Eddy Gilmore in Moscow declared that hukov was engaged in regrouping and sparring for position and that no signs had developed yet of an all out drive along the shortest route to Berlin.

BUDAPEST There were indications that Russian troops along the Oder might be reinforced soon as the enemy garrisons at Koenigsberg, Elbing,

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BOY SCOUTS IN CHARGE

Youth Takes Over For A Day In City And County Offices

Boy Scouts took over Cleveland county and Shelby, kit and cauldron, including a first class murrer trial, fire trucks, tax departments, utilities, police department, and all other services bright and early this morning. They were still going strong at noon when Mayor Pete Frazier held a conference with Police Chief Brewster Eskridge and Fire Chief Grover Ledbetter to ascertain if something had not been left undone.

The scouts at this hour had arrested all the criminals, tried them, aired out the fire trucks, collected all the taxes that could be collected and otherwise transacted the public business in a satisfactory manner.

Mayor Pete Frazier took the oath of office from Scout Clerk of Court Jack Patterson and he in turn administered the oaths to the other municipal officers: Hicks Elmore, city clerk; Bobby Ramsey, superintendent of streets; Don Gold, superintendent of the water and lights department; Bobby Thrift and Bobby Howe, in charge of the city garage; Desk Sergeant Jack Whisman, Chief of Police Eskridge and Chief of Fire Department Grover Ledbetter and to all their assistants.

IN COURT ROOM At the Cleveland courthouse Judge A. A. Powell who had sitting with him on the bench Judge Jeb Weathers, made a brief speech to all the Scout officials who had gathered in the courtroom congratulating them on their civic mindedness and telling them that they would soon be taking over these offices in earnest.

Present for the address were Solicitor Shem Blackley, Sheriff Bobby Gene McSwain, James Mc-

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Dr. Graham Optimistic Over Medical Program

No greater supporter of the North Carolina medical care program exists than Dr. Frank Porcher Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, who while in Shelby this week expressed elation that Governor Cherry had indicated his purpose to support that part of the program which can practically be carried out now.

First and foremost on the program which Dr. Graham believes the legislature, if it is faithful to the wishes of the people and to the governor will carry out, is the

establishment of a hospital commission now. With the establishment of this commission will be appropriated, Dr. Graham thinks, sufficient funds for administrative purposes.

Next most important step is the setting aside of \$5,000,000 annually for medical care cases. It is the plan of the backers of this program to have the present general assembly make arrangements for this sum.

The current legislature is also