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Rail Strike Parley Continued

Protection Of Dutch Guiana Linked To U. S.-Vichy Tension

A 'Big Push' on the Eastern Front



The Berlin approved caption with this photo states that a disabled supply truck is being moved out of danger by Nazi soldiers, while in the background is a farmer's burning house. Caption did not identify where on the Eastern Front the action occurred or how the vehicle became disabled. The local boy at right doesn't seem very interested in helping.

Russians Advance West Of Rostov

Advance Still Continuing, Soviet Newspaper Reports, With Gains of as Much as 100 Kilometers in Some Sections.

Moscow, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Russian forces on the extreme southern front have advanced in some sectors west of Rostov as much as 100 kilometers (about 62 miles) in a powerful counter-attack against the Germans, the government newspaper Izvestia stated today.

The advance is still continuing, the paper said. Izvestia did not state clearly the date of the advance but it indicated it occurred at the same time as a 60 kilometer (about 37 mile) push in the southern sector reported yesterday.

The German Izvestia said, retreated 60 kilometers "in the main direction" and as much as 100 kilometers in some sectors.

The big Soviet push was said to have begun "a few days ago."

(The Berlin high command on Saturday reported that Rostov, key Russian city near the mouth of the Don river and a gateway to the oil-

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Gaston Paper Charges NYA With Reprisal

Gastonia, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The Gastonia Gazette said today that every NYA project in Gaston county was discontinued today "solely because the NYA did not like the editorial policy of the Gazette."

The action, which took place at midnight last night, affected seven projects and 124 employees. The paper said that E. G. Dunne, area director of the NYA with headquarters in Charlotte, and L. Z. Hicks of the WPA, also with headquarters in Charlotte, came here last night and put the order in effect.

The paper quoted Superintendent Hunter Huss of the Gaston county schools and Emory B. Denny, state Democratic chairman, as authority for the statement that the editorial policy of the Gazette was sole reason for discontinuing the projects. This statement, the paper said, also had been confirmed in Raleigh.

Raleigh, Nov. 25.—(AP)—John A. Lang, state NYA administrator, denied today that the editorial policy

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Christmas Furloughs

Washington, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The Army said today Christmas is a month in advance today—with the furloughs that between 700,000 and 800,000 soldiers would get Yuletide furloughs.

By the War departments estimate, approximately half of the land forces will be granted leaves to go home for the holidays and the rest is raised the prospect of the biggest Christmas transportation rush in more than two decades.

As far as possible, soldiers are to be released on two days—December 12 and December 23—depending on whether they receive furloughs of one month or two weeks. They are due back in the ranks on January 12 and January 11, respectively.

JAPANESE PREMIER URGES COOPERATION

Tokyo, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Prime Minister Hirota, speaking at a press conference at a rally sponsored by the government, urged on Japanese to give the need of speedy completion of Japan's war economy to face the increasingly tense international situation.

It is necessary, he said, that all Japanese subjects cooperate with the government in this program.

Leonard Asks Extra Session To Cut Taxes

Raleigh, Nov. 25.—(AP)—J. Paul Leonard of Statesville, secretary of the State Fair Tax Association, asked Governor Broughton today to call the legislature into special session to reduce North Carolina's taxes.

The request was made at a meeting here of the advisory budget commission, called by the governor to consider proposed tax changes for submission to the 1943 legislature.

Broughton, who is ex officio chairman of the commission, was presiding when Leonard made his request. The chief executive immediately asked any possibility of a special session by replying:

"Just get that idea out of your head, there will be no special session."

Willard L. Dowell of Raleigh, sec-

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Axis Pact Is Renewed

Seven Signatories Added to Anti-Comintern Treaty in Berlin Ceremonies.

Berlin, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The anti-Comintern pact sponsored by Germany was renewed for five years and broadened to include 13 signatories today in a festive ceremony at which Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop declared that the western democracies had become "assistants to world communism."

Concluding the ceremonies in the chancellery where the pact was hailed as a demonstration of continental solidarity against Moscow, London and Washington, Ribbentrop declared the signatories "will never rest" until the destruction of world communism.

Following the "gigantic events in the east" communism without doubt has received a blow from which it will never recover, he said, but he added that there still was much work to be done before communist activity is completely banished from the earth.

"Ignoring the real danger to them-

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BROUGHTON HOPES BAN MAY BE LIFTED

Raleigh, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Governor Broughton said today that he hoped that an OPM order prohibiting advertising and decorative lighting would be lifted in the near future.

Broughton said he planned to confer with Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne later today and hoped that he might then announce when the ban might be lifted.



WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair and continued cold to night; Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer.

Senators Commend Use Of Army

Solons Express Opinion That Mr. Roosevelt Acted From Concern Lest Germany Occupy Dakar; Brazil Sends Military Mission.

Washington, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The dispatch of a protective force of United States troops to Dutch Guiana won much commendation in the Senate today and the general disposition was to link the move with the critical status of Franco-American relations.

Several senators, speaking of the Dutch colony's rich bauxite mines, said that President Roosevelt obviously intended to forestall any threat to this vital supply source which furnishes more than 60 percent of the bauxite ore required by this country's rapidly expanded aluminum industry.

Although they claimed to have confidential information, some well informed legislators thought that Mr. Roosevelt may have acted from concern lest Germany occupy Dakar, France's strategic base on the western hump of Africa, and then try later to move into French Guiana, which borders the Dutch colony on the northeast coast of South America.

Senator Hill, Democrat, Alabama, the majority whip, expressed the opinion that the President sent armed forces to Dutch Guiana "because we know that there is a projected conference between Hitler and Britain regarding the French

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Atrocities Are Charged

London, Nov. 25.—(AP)—British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden today charged that the Germans had a "diplomatic relations" protest against what he called Germany's "atrocious treatment" of Russian prisoners, according to a broadcast of the Moscow radio heard here today.

The note said the Germans were forcing Russian prisoners at the point of bayonet to drive munitions transports and had stripped wounded soldiers of their warm clothing. "If army prisoners are tortured with red hot irons, their eyes poked out, their legs, hands, ears and nose cut off, their stomachs have been opened, they have been tied to tanks and crushed to pieces," the broadcast quoted the note as saying.

Germans Report Landing Of British In Normandie

Berlin, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The German high command for the first time mentioned an English attempt to set foot on occupied French soil today, saying that the British tried to land from boats Sunday night and were repulsed with heavy losses.

Although the high command did not give the number, size or types of boats involved in the operation in its curt reference, an authorized source belittled the incident by saying the whole affair involved a mere 40 or 50 men.

This source was unwilling to discuss the place of the incident, and the high command did not say whether the British actually had succeeded in getting ashore. (The British said the Normandie coast was the scene of the foray.)

HEAVY LOSSES QUIET DESERT TANK BATTLE

Her Second War



Miss Ella Latter

In the first World War Miss Ella Latter served England with the war hospital supply depot. Now 70, she is a driver in Britain's women's transport. Two sisters, aged 77 and 75, work with the women's volunteer service in London.

Italy Claims Successes

Second British Brigade Wiped Out in Two Days in Africa, High Command Says.

Rome, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Italian and German forces in Libya have wiped out the second British brigade in two days in the north Africa battle of tanks and are liquidating a large part of British armored forces caught in pocket is, the Italians reported today.

The high command announced the British 22nd armored brigade was destroyed yesterday in the Bir el Jebel zone in the Libyan desert at the end of the encircling movement begun last Sunday. This area is to be cleared of where the British and the German columns "had met in battle."

The communiqué said prisoners were captured and the second was slain with immobilized and burned British tanks.

An Italian radio source said that British tanks were still in Bir el Jebel and said a British report that six tanks had been cut off and might have been destroyed.

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Infantry Fighting Intensified in Region Southeast of Tobruk as British Pour Reinforcements into African Fray.

Cairo, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The great tank battle which has been raging for three days on an unconfined battlefield near Benghazi began to die down today as the forces of both sides were reduced by heavy casualties.

Infantry fighting in this region ten miles southeast of Tobruk was intensified, however, as the British poured reinforcements into the fray from their bases east and south.

There was no evidence that fresh troops were being sent into the battle by the Germans, who are gradually cut off from their supplies by the swift British drive westward toward the Mediterranean coast.

A headquarters communiqué said tank casualties on both sides had been heavy.

It added that about 2,000 prisoners, about half of whom were German, had been taken around Tobruk and an additional 1,000 in the frontier area.

South African forces were thrown into the battle first, the communiqué said, and sustained a heavy attack by Nazi tanks and by German infantry rushed to the scene in trucks.

The South Africans were heavily outnumbered, the British said, but they fought "with magnificent courage until British armored forces put in a counter attack which eventually drove off the German tanks with heavy losses."

The communiqué said New Zealand forces, supported by British tanks, were continuing their advance toward Tobruk.

The British forces besieged at Tobruk rushed from their trenches and captured over 2,000 prisoners, the communiqué continued.

In the southern sector of the desert, the British said, troops of the fifth Indian division have captured Agaila, near Gialo Oasis.

Officials said 119 axis airplanes had been destroyed from the beginning of the offensive until midnight Sunday, 51 of them in aerial combat and 68 on the ground. British communiques showed 44 British planes lost in the same period.

ARMY MANEUVERS IN FINAL STAGE

With the Army in the Carolinas, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Ordered to "assault" faults in the "same vigorous fashion as you do your opponent," 300,000 soldiers began today the final of the Army maneuvers in the Carolinas.

Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, chief of staff of general headquarters, told the men of the First Army and the quartermaster's corps to "shoot the last of the training battles of last week."

The exercises are scheduled to end by next Monday, but the simulated warfare—with one side preponderantly mechanized and the other twice as strong but slower and loaded with anti-tank weapons—might develop rapidly that it will be cut short by umpires.

Stimson Says Finn Troops Used By Nazis

Washington, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson charged today that Finnish troops "are now being used by the Germans" in such a way as to help the Germans close the Murnansk-Moscow supply line over which outside aid flows into Russia.

In a statement issued simultaneously with that of the secretary, Major General James H. Burns, deputy lend-lease administrator who recently returned from Russia, also declared that the Finns "are offering Germany great assistance in cutting across our national interests in the supply of lend-lease material to Russia."

Both Stimson and Burns said they deplored the Finnish position and

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Anti-Strike Legislation In Offing

No Agreement Reached at White House Conference at Morning Session; House Labor Committee to Draft New Measure.

(By The Associated Press) Representatives of railways and their workers, meeting with President Roosevelt and other government executives in another effort to avert a strike, failed to reach an agreement today but agreed to continue negotiations.

The entire group arranged to return to the White House in the afternoon (at 2:30).

While unwilling to admit that any definite formula for an adjustment of their wage controversy had been laid before the management and labor spokesmen, Senator Edward J. Dwyer, Democrat, New York, indicated that some sort of proposals looking toward an adjustment had been considered and said that the situation still looked hopeful.

While the railroad conferences were taking place, the House labor committee instructed Representative Ramspeck, Democrat, Georgia, one of its members who attended an extraordinary White House conference last night, to draft new legislation by Friday based on the President's suggestions for cooling off periods and compulsory arbitration.

A Senate committee was told the Navy approved of legislation to let the government take over defense plants held up by labor disputes.

The spread of a jurisdictional strike of more than 8,500 AFL mechanics in the St. Louis area closed down the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation plant, which has \$4,500,000 in defense orders and curtailed operations at the Curtiss Wright plant, which has \$100,000,000 in defense contracts. A union spokesman said 400 industries were affected.

Nazis Call U. S. Action 'First Attack'

Berlin, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The sending of troops to Dutch Guiana was called "the first military attack of the United States on South America" today by the authoritative commentary, Deutsches Reich, which said the action was directed against French colonial possessions in the western hemisphere.

"Greatest attention" is being given in Berlin to this latest development, the commentary service added.

This "is only the first step to action" directed against French Guiana, Vichy French colony adjacent to the Netherlands territory, said Deutsches Reich.

The statement compared the American action to the British attacks last year at Oran and Dakar in French Africa and noted that the occupation coincided with the British offensive in Libya.

Price Control Bill Expanded By Committee

Washington, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The House banking committee bowed again to administration wishes today and voted 14 to 8 to restore to its price control bill authority for the government to buy, sell or store any commodity it necessary to maintain price stability.

Representative Wilcott, Republican, Michigan, senior minority member of the committee, denounced the provision as "pernicious" and declared it would permit the price administration to "go into the stock exchange and buy or sell stocks."

He said he did not see how "any self respecting member of Congress could vote for it."

Originally, the committee limited the buying and selling authority to that necessary to obtain the maxi-

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