

Corregidor Beats Off Attack

Hitler Faces Heavy Losses

British Bombers Blast Nazi Warships in Brest



The German pocket battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau (arrows, left) and the cruiser Prinz Eugen (arrow, right), damaged and undergoing repairs in Brest, are the targets of this RAF daylight bombing attack on the occupied French city. Two of the four-motored raiding planes can be seen. Periodic raids on the city have kept the warships unfit for duty, and at the same time have made a shambles of the docks.

Wavell Commands In Pacific

British Tell Sea Losses

Detailed Report of Convoy Sinkings Made to Show Price Germany is Paying.

London, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The loss of four British warships was acknowledged by the admiralty today but, breaking a long standing rule of silence, it told the British people the price Germany is paying to attack Atlantic convoys, and the royal navy's success in guarding that vital bridge of ships.

Two of the lost British warships were the 7,175-ton cruiser Neptune and the destroyer Kandahar which, a commentator said, went down in the Mediterranean after striking mines.

The other two were the destroyer Stanley, a former American warship, and the auxiliary warship Avonmouth. The 6,600-ton German warship Hanover, which the British had captured and converted into a warplane-bearing convoy guardian.

These two were sunk by torpedoes in a four-day running battle against

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British Bomb Brest Again

London, Jan. 3.—(AP)—British bombers raided the German-occupied naval base at Brest, France, where the Nazi battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst had been tied up for months, and also hit the German Atlantic base at St. Nazaire, occupied France, the air ministry announced today.

The air ministry said mines also were laid in enemy waters. No aircraft were missing after the operations, it said.

The attack on Brest was another in a long series of raids against the left of the German battleships on the Atlantic coast.

Peace Plans Much Talked

Stewart Says Allies Want to Be Sure They Do Not 'Win War and Lose Peace.'

Washington, Jan. 3.—The world won the last war but "lost the peace" is a remark to be heard, generally several times, in the course of every discussion of the kind of terms it'll behoove the world to agree on at the end of our present conflict. Presumably we and the rest of the democracies, including or plus Russia, will dictate 'em, and the axis bunch supposedly with all their treachery, Tokyo militarists, dices and sympathetic caudillos included, will have to acquiesce, whether they like our conditions or not. It won't be to our own interest, though, to lose another peace. So what we'll need to dictate will be some form of one that'll stick.

There are pretty sure to be differences of opinion on that subject.

One school of thought is to the effect that Woodrow Wilson had the right idea, with his League of Na-

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Winston Churchill

Sea Forces Under Hart

Unification of All Anti-Axis Sea, Land and Air Forces Announced in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The White House announced today unification of all anti-axis sea, land and air forces in the southwest Pacific area under British General Sir Archibald F. Wavell as supreme commander.

At the same time Major General George H. Brett, chief of the United States Army air corps, was named deputy supreme commander for that region.

Under the direction of General Wavell, Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the American Asiatic fleet, will be in charge of all naval forces in the area and General Sir Henry Pownall, the new British Commander at Singapore, will be chief of staff to General Wavell, who will take over his unified command in the near future.

The White House announcement, issued by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain, disclosed further

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Mass Slayer Back In Jail

Little Falls, Minn., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Richard Dehler, 16-year-old confessed mass slayer, was back in the Morrison county jail today after an exciting 23 hours of liberty, but his fellow companion, Theodore Grest, 41, with whom he escaped Thursday night, was hunted by an ever growing posse.

Dehler was seized last night at a farm near Sobieski, twelve miles southwest of here, where he said he had gone to surrender after deciding he had "caused enough trouble." He offered no resistance when a highway patrolman and a posse member took him into custody.

The youth is under indictment charging he slew his father, mother, sister and brother in his farm home near here December 18 and then fired the house to conceal the crime.

Red Troops Re-Capture Vital City

Maloyaroslavets, Turning Point in Napoleon's 1812 Invasion, Falls to Russians. Bitter Cold Fails to Stop Reds.

(By The Associated Press.)

A German sequel to Napoleon's disastrous retreat from Russia in the winter snows of 1812 stared Adolf Hitler in the face today as Soviet troops were reported to have recaptured the historic city of Maloyaroslavets, 65 miles southwest of Moscow.

It was at Maloyaroslavets that Czar Alexander I's imperial Russian armies turned the tide of the Napoleonic invasion, compelling the French to fall back across the frozen steppes with terrible losses.

Only 20,000 of Napoleon's original army of 500,000 troops got out alive.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters complained anew of the bitter weather conditions, declaring:

"Defensive fighting in the central (Moscow) sectors continues despite intense cold."

On the same theme, the Berlin radio reported:

"In one battle on the central sector, the bolsheviks attacked for four days and five nights without interruption. Our troops had almost no rest and this was in the severest cold and snowstorms."

Unconfirmed reports circulated in Sweden that the Germans were already building defenses along the Polish border, the jumping off point of Hitler's attack on the USSR last June 22.

Heavy blows to the Germans at sea were also announced by the British admiralty which reported that at least three Nazi U-boats and two long range bombers had been destroyed by the defenders of an Atlantic convoy.

More important than the destruction of the German raiders, the admiralty said over 90 per cent of the convoy, comprising more than 30 freighters, reached port safely after a four-day running battle.

Russian forces were officially credited with having killed 15,000 Nazi officers and men in the six day period from December 26 to 31—an average of 2,500 daily—and a mid-day communique today reported 1,450 invaders annihilated in three local engagements.

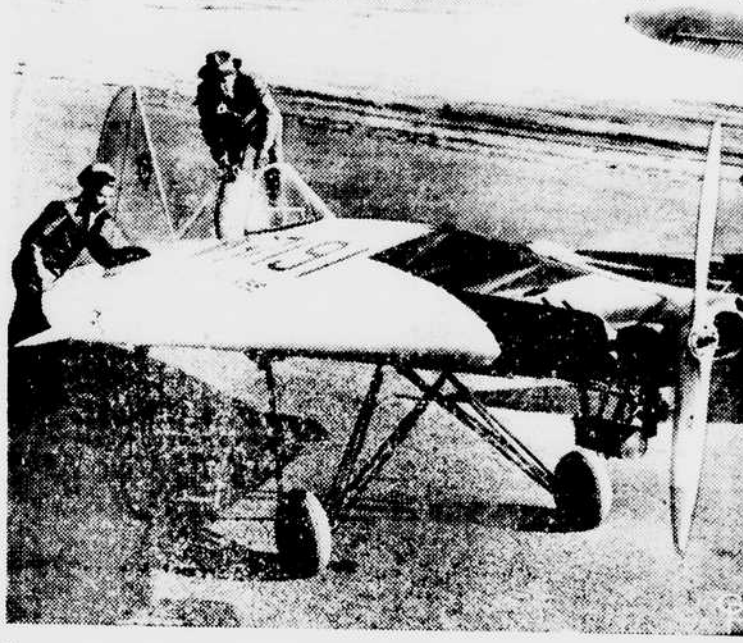
In the Crimea, Soviet dispatches said Russian forces which drove to Germans from Kerch and Febydy had re-captured 19 more settlements in pursuit of the Germans, who now were apparently falling back toward their main siege bases around Sevastopol naval base.

On the north African front, both the German and Italian high commands acknowledged the British capture of Bardia, a town held near the Libyan-Egyptian frontier.

Premier Mussolini's high command said other axis forces were still holding out at nearby Soluni.

A British spokesman said there was no further change in the main battle sector in western Libya.

Final Tests for Flying Wing



The flying wing is shown as it was given final ground tests at Baltimore, Md. Cheston L. Eshelman (right), designer of the plane, has named it the "Spirit of National Defense." Success of this model may lead to larger types for possible use by the navy as carrier-borne fighters. Paul Dahms, Eshelman's mechanic is at left.

Jap Planes Bomb Manila Naval Base

At Least Three Japanese Bombers Shot Down; U. S. Casualties 13 Killed and 35 Wounded; Island Fighting Continues.

(By The Associated Press.)

U. S. anti-aircraft batteries beat off a violent five-hour attack by Japanese planes upon Corregidor island fortress at the entrance to Manila, the War department said today, while on the nearby Bataan peninsula, General Douglas MacArthur's "last stand" army of American and Filipino troops still battled against Japanese invasion forces.

A War department communique said at least three Japanese planes were shot down in the assault on Corregidor.

Tokyo reports said Japanese warships were also attacking the island stronghold.

A War department bulletin said at least 10 Japanese bombers took part in the raid but failed to inflict material damage on the fortress.

American casualties in the attack, which took place yesterday, were listed as 13 killed and 35 wounded.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters acknowledged that the U. S. defense forces were putting up "desperate" resistance in the Bataan mountains northwest of Manila but asserted they were doomed to annihilation within a short time.

The Japanese radio blamed a Tokyo broadcast pictured Japanese troops as having captured Manila by storm, "braving furious fire" giving a melodramatic portrayal of the city's fall in contrast to a U. S. War department communique reporting that "all American and Philippine troops were withdrawn from the city several days ago."

A German radio broadcast, quoting dispatches from Tokyo said the attack on Corregidor was intended to prevent the arrival of reinforcements for General MacArthur's beleaguered troops.

On the Malayan front, spirited British resistance was reported officially to have beaten off three new Japanese attacks by land and one by sea as the invaders increased their pressure in the drive toward Singapore.

British Far East headquarters said four troop-laden Japanese barges were sunk and a small steamer set afire in trying a landing attempt in lower Perak.

On the Malayan coast, the British acknowledged that "the enemy had made some progress" at Kuantan, 100 miles north of Singapore, and thrust into the outskirts of the town in an attempt to seize the Kuantan airfield.

Chinese Report Changsha Victory

Congress Ends Long Session

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Congress was in adjournment today after a record breaking string of 730 continuous days in session. Technically, the legislators have been in continuous session since the third session of the 76th Congress, on through the first session, just ended, of the p. m. yesterday, the House at 77th.

The Senate adjourned at 12:22 12.46. The members have only a short respite from their duties. The second session of the 77th Congress will begin Monday. President Roosevelt will address a joint session Tuesday.

15,000 Japanese Troops Declared Killed or Wounded; Tokyo Hints of Preparation for Another Setback at Hunan City.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3.—(AP)—China officially claimed today a favorable and decisive turn in the third battle for Changsha, Hunan province capital, an army communique declaring 15,000 Japanese troops had been killed or wounded during Chinese counter attacks launched yesterday morning.

The "fierce battle of annihilation" still is raging, the Chinese communique announced.

It said most of the Japanese casualties were caused by tremendous artillery fire laid down by the Chinese, who were noted pressing the Japanese from all directions.

Japan already has suffered two humiliating and serious defeats in attempts to capture and hold Changsha, a city of 300,000 population. Those defeats were in October, 1939, and September, 1941.

(A hint that the Japanese may be preparing for another setback at Changsha was seen in the Tokyo broadcast of a Japanese dispatch from Hanyang, reporting military quarters as being permanently occupied by Japanese troops, "the purpose to crush Chinese resistance" in driving on the city. The Japanese claimed they occupied Changsha last night.)

Hatteras Park Development Faces Delay

DAILY DISPATCH BUREAU, IN THE SIR WALTER HOTEL, BY BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—Just as real progress finally was being made toward the establishment of the Hatteras Seashore National Park, the war came along and cast a shadow of doubt over the whole project which can mean so much to eastern North Carolina. However, the park commission is going right ahead with the acquisition of land, hoping that when peace returns the federal government will go ahead with the plan.

This week Victor Meeks, secretary of Dare county and secretary of the commission, filed the deed for 700 more acres, a gift from the heirs of Henry Plupps of Pittsburg. Including land actually deeded the state and land promised, the commission now has practically 6,000 acres.

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Price Control Bill Ready For Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—A flexible wartime price control measure—designed to save the government billions of dollars and protect the public from soaring living costs—was ready today for Senate consideration.

Affecting virtually every phase of the nation's commercial life, the bill seemed sure of arousing as heated a controversy as did similar legislation which cleared the House last November 28.

Members of the Senate banking committee worked until after dark last night to complete their draft of the bill, although the first session of the 77th Congress already was ended. Congress convenes Monday, but leaders indicated that Senate debate on the measure would not begin before Wednesday.

Senator Brown, Democrat, Michigan, who will serve as floor manager for the bill, said it would aid the all-out war effort by stabilizing prices of everything from "guns to butter."

Budget Bill Parley Held

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt called in his budget makers today to whip into final shape the government's fiscal balance sheet for the 1942-43 fiscal year.

It was the only engagement he made for the day, but White House officials said the remainder of the time was purposely left open for any other important conferences the President desired to hold on the spur of the moment.

Mr. Roosevelt will confer Monday morning with Democratic leaders on plans for his personal appearance before the new congressional session to deliver his state of the union message.

Officials had definitely today he would not appear on the opening day. This was taken to mean that he probably would go to the Capitol Tuesday.

New Hosiery Styles Shown

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Manufacturers of women's hosiery have started to introduce spring lines, notable for the virtual absence of all silk stockings, trade quarters said today.

New types of rayons, using finer thread and knitting up into unusually sheer hosiery, were included. Prices to fit into the old retail silk hosiery brackets of \$1 and \$1.15 a pair.

Nylons were generally unchanged from fall prices but more were offered. While all-nylon constructions were available it was believed in the trade that later there would be a switch to nylon with rayon or cotton tops to conserve the limited supply of nylon yarn.

Last stockings also appeared, one type woven from double-pun Egyptian cotton.

Tire Boards May Ration New Autos

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Raleigh, Jan. 3.—The same local board which next week will say whether or not you can buy a new automobile if you can buy a new winter coat, is not you can buy a new automobile, in the opinion of Governor Broughton.

The tire rationing boards recently set up throughout the state are on the way to becoming among the most important agencies in the county. Until a group of the eastern boards met here yesterday the majority of the members, themselves, did not realize just how much authority they would have, or how much free work they had agreed to give the government.

Yesterday, upon receipt of a telegraphic request from Frank Bane of the office of price administration, Governor Broughton called on all mayors and police officers to notify every automobile dealer in the state that the sale of new cars and trucks had been banned until January 15. By that time, according to the general belief, plans will have been worked out to ration new automobiles as new tires will be rationed next week and thereafter.

Expecting that the OPA will call upon him to set up the state organization for regulating the sale of cars just as it did with tires, Governor Broughton said that it was his intention to turn the automobile sale

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Rain tonight, probably mixed with sleet and snow in the mountains; no decided change in temperature.