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U.S. WARPLANES SMASH AT JAPS

Raids Made From Kiska To Solomons

All Planes Return From Widespread Forays in Which Heavy Blows Were Death Enemy; Results Are Not Observed

(By The Associated Press) American warplanes, smashing at Japan's invasion armies from Kiska island in the Aleutians to the Solomons, were officially credited today with dealing heavy blows to the enemy.

A Navy department communique said U. S. air force fliers yesterday attacked Japanese ships in Kiska harbor, bombed the vicinity of Kokumbona where Japanese headquarters on Guadalcanal island are believed to be located, and blasted the Munda area of New Georgia island in the Solomons. Dense jungle growths prevented observation of the results in the attack on Kokumbona, the Navy said, and clouds obscured the effect in Kiska harbor. All U. S. planes returned from the westward forays.

Washington, Jan. 2—(AP)—Details of two daring low level attacks by Flying Fortresses on Japanese warships were related by the War Department today in announcing award of decorations to 38 officers and men for gallantry in the southwest Pacific fighting.

One such operation by eight of these huge planes was carried out August 26 against an enemy convoy in Milne Bay, New Guinea, it was disclosed by award of decorations to the seven-man crew of one which was destroyed by a direct hit. "Adverse weather conditions forced it (the formation of eight planes) to approach the target from an altitude of 2,000 feet," said the citation to Major Harold N. Willste of Asher, Okla., commander of the lost Fortress. "Despite a heavy anti-aircraft barrage which was set up by five enemy warships, Major Willste continued on the bombing run until his plane received a direct hit and burst into flames, causing it to crash into the bay."

Milk Subsidy Is Removed

Washington, Jan. 2—(AP)—Stripped of the support of federal subsidies, the price of fluid milk will be permitted temporary increases—varying from a half-cent to two cents a quart—in three main metropolitan areas Monday.

With similar upward shifts expected to follow soon in eleven other areas, the move was seen as the first step in a new economic policy of prohibiting the use of subsidies to hold price ceilings in place—except for temporary, emergency cases. The office of price administration announced today that increases until April 1 would be permitted in Chicago, the New York metropolitan area and the Duluth-Superior area.

Liquor Sales Show Decline

Raleigh, Jan. 2—(AP)—Liquor sales in the 25 wet counties of the state dropped during last November as compared with October, the State board of alcoholic control said today.

During November they totaled \$2,269,899.60, compared with \$2,500,651.10 in October, and \$1,110,875.20 during November, 1941. The board pointed out, however, that the new \$2 a gallon federal tax went into effect last November 1, thus showing a larger decrease in sales during November than the figures themselves would indicate. Vance county sales were \$66,370.15.

Fortress Has Envyable Record



A member of an air base in the South Pacific area is looking at the nose of a Flying Fortress, appropriately named Yankee Doodle Jr., which has painted on it an imposing score of destroyed enemy craft. The silhouettes stand for a Japanese cruiser and a transport sunk by the plane's bombs. Each flag stands for a downed Zero. This is an official U. S. Army Air Force photo. (Central Press)

Three Elizabeth Citians Are Shot From Ambush

Legislators May Pay Tax

Raleigh, Jan. 2—(AP)—North Carolina legislators probably will have to pay the 3 per cent victory tax on the \$600 they will draw for the session starting Wednesday. That is, if they have other income. The tax starts on incomes over \$624 a year, with professional men and women and those in several other categories making returns on a yearly basis. The tax will be deducted from the source for salaried persons. The legislators, however, might claim some deduction under the heading of expenses, the attorney general's office said in an informal opinion.

Lend-Lease Controversy Is Expected

Washington, Jan. 2—(AP)—An expected administration request for renewal of lend-lease authority which expires next June 30 may provoke controversy in the new Congress over both expenditures and disbursements made in the huge program to aid American allies. Some legislators have charged that purchasing programs by which American products are obtained for distribution abroad have placed unnecessary strain on price controls and Senator Ellender of Louisiana called recently for a "full disclosure" by the Treasury of its arrangements with the British covering proceeds from the sale in Great Britain of civilian lend-lease goods.

In his last report to Congress, President Roosevelt said value of goods transferred and services rendered up to November 30 was \$1,496,000,000 since the program went into effect in March, 1941.

BUILDERS TO MEET. Charlotte, Jan. 2—(AP)—Secretary E. M. Garner of the Carolina Lumber and Building Assn. announced today that a special convention would be held January 13-14 in Greensboro to discuss the effect of wartime restrictions upon the industry. Government agencies have approved the holding of the meeting, Garner said.

John Curtin Demands Aid In Pacific

Australian Prime Minister Has Urgently Appealed 'to the Proper Quarters' to Strengthen Allied Forces; Other Developments

(By The Associated Press) Australia's Prime Minister John Curtin has urgently appealed "to the proper quarters" to strengthen allied forces in the Pacific and drive back Japan's far flung invasion hordes, it was disclosed today. Curtin's representations followed a statement on Thursday in which he declared that the "United Nations in the Pacific area are being denied resources for their total war effort."

The prime minister had also asserted that Japan was consolidating her conquests and that "delaying an offensive against her makes it certain that the offensive when undertaken will experience greater resistance." Curtin's argument was underlined by the continued difficulty of General Douglas MacArthur's expeditionary force in wiping out the last stubbornly defending Japanese troops in the Buna sector in New Guinea.

"Fighting is savage and desperate and is continuing," the latest bulletin from General MacArthur's headquarters said. Official dispatches said allied troops had driven another wedge into Japanese positions along the narrow Papan beach corridor, with tanks and artillery cutting a path for the new thrust to the sea. Strongly entrenched, the Japanese apparently still held footholds near the Buna government station and Sanananda.

Meanwhile, General MacArthur's airmen raked Japanese bases in New Britain, hitting an enemy submarine at Widebay and leaving three big ships aflame at Rabaul. Two of five Japanese planes, which rose to challenge the raiders were shot down.

Alfred Ebers also gained 1,000-pound bombs on the Japanese airfield at Gasmata, in southern New Britain, and blasted the airfield at Bam, at the southern tip of Bougainville.

Willkie Urges United Nations Work Council

New York, Jan. 2—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie today called for the formation of a working common council of the United Nations to plan war and economic strategy now and cooperation after victory. Addressing a victory rally at this afternoon's performance of the Metropolitan Opera Company, the Republican candidate for president in 1940 asserted that the United Nations must be made "a fact and not a mere phrase." The program was broadcast.

"If history has taught us anything," Willkie said, "it has taught us that people obtain in a peace only what they win while they fight. 'What I want to emphasize today is that planning will do no good unless we give our plans reality; that we have no United Nations after the war unless we make the United Nations now a fact and not a mere phrase.' Willkie asserted that the "dream of Woodrow Wilson" had failed because the allied nations, while they fought, had not developed a mechanism of working together that would survive after the fighting was over.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. No decided change in temperature but slowly rising tendency tonight and early Sunday. (Continued on Page two)

Nazi Driver Dies at the Wheel



This driver of a German supply truck died behind the wheel when New Zealanders overtook him in the recent rout of Marshal Rommel's Afrika Korps in the Egyptian desert. Note the bullet holes on the side of the truck commandeered by the Nazis from their Italian ally which still bears traces of the name of its former owner. (Central Press)

Germans Say Velikie Luki Still Stands

Berlin Admits Red Capture of Capital of Kalmyck Region in Caucasus but Deny the Loss of Key Stronghold Near the Latvian Frontier

(By The Associated Press) Adolf Hitler's command acknowledged today that German troops had evacuated Elista, capital of the Kalmyck region in the Caucasus, but denied Soviet claims that the triumphant Red Armies had won the key Nazi stronghold of Velikie Luki, 90 miles from the Latvian frontier. A grim "blackout" on Soviet war news first greeted German radio listeners this morning, and for several hours the populace was deprived of even its usual diet of sugar-coated propaganda served up by the propaganda ministry.

Against the black tidings from the eastern front, the German radio sought to bolster home morale with reports of purported allied losses in a naval battle in the Arctic sea. An official Nazi account asserted that several "enemy" cruisers were damaged, a destroyer sunk and two merchant ships hospitalized in a running sea battle which began Thursday morning when German warships and U-boats intercepted a convoy. One Nazi destroyer was listed as sunk.

Subsequent German radio broadcasts conceded the loss of Elista as the Red armies swept deeper across the frozen Kalmyck steppes toward the Black sea, but insisted that Velikie Luki still held out. Soviet dispatches said the fall of the Nazi-held citadel, 200 miles northwest of Moscow, laid open the heart of an important German transportation system and unleashed a long and bitter siege.

"The German garrison in the town, which refused to lay down its arms, was wiped out," the Russian high command announced. The Russians declared that Hitler's invasion armies were in hurried retreat across a 1,000-mile front, abandoning vast quantities of arms and supplies, while the Red armies captured "several dozen" towns in a single phase of the titanic struggle. Good news for the United Nations came also from the north Atlantic front, where British headquarters reported that vanguards of General Sir B. L. Montgomery's eighth army attacked axis motorized forces west of Wadi el Chibir and drove them into retreat. The width of the ally lies about 180 miles.

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Floods In East And West Cause Big Property Loss

Holiday Death Total Is Low

(By The Associated Press.) Deaths in the nation over the New Year's holiday resulting from violent causes—automobile accidents, drownings, fires, shootings, stabbings, and others—numbered at least 115 today, almost two-thirds of the total for the same period a year ago. Of the 204 reported deaths reported on January 2, 1942, automobile accidents accounted for 171 of the total. North Carolina reported one death on New Year's Day, but it was not listed as a traffic accident death.

Giraud Acts For Unity

French High Commissioner Releases Unspecified Number of Political Prisoners

Algiers, Jan. 2—(AP)—General Giraud's release of an unspecified number of political prisoners was generally conceded today as the forerunner of an effort to unify the many, diverse political elements of France behind the allied war effort. Although editorial comment, were their reliable sources reported, steps already were under way to make the French government in north Africa representative of all the elements backing the allied cause, possibly by bringing into Giraud's command well known French leaders of many political hues.

London, Jan. 2—(AP)—A demand from the Fighting French of General Charles de Gaulle for elimination of the "hobbyists" from the Vichy regime in north Africa today posed a new obstacle to speedy union of all anti-axis Frenchmen in a single, cohesive force seeking the liberation of France. A spokesman for the Fighting French said negotiations for unification are under way and "I am optimistic, but don't expect an easy or rapid solution."

While General Giraud (General Henri Giraud, French high commissioner in north Africa in succession to the assassinated Admiral Jean Dorlan) is all right, the principal obstacle is the man underneath him who are holdovers from the Vichy regime. (Continued on Page two)

Ohio River Out of Banks for 760 Miles, Driving Thousands From Homes; Willamette River Surges Toward Oregon Cities

Ferretmouth, Ohio, Jan. 2—(AP)—The Ohio river hurred its turbulent fury at this industrial city of 10,100 inhabitants today after driving 30,000 persons from their homes upstream and causing damage that may reach \$2,500,000. The residents crossed their fingers and hoped against fresh floods as a 100-foot sand and log wall, bulwark against flood walls. Scores of families were removed from unprotected areas in communities.

The river, running out of its banks for 200 miles from East Liverpool, Ohio, to below Evansville, Ind., was expected to reach here late tonight or Sunday at 60 feet, eleven above flood stage. It was 60 today. Three employees were killed and four injured in a collision of two freight trains, which had been reported because of the flood. Employees of the water had dropped their work at 10:30 p.m. in Pennsylvania and were working between East Liverpool and Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 2—(AP)—An insensational flood surged toward the major cities of the Willamette river today, leaving six dead and uncounted millions of dollars in damage. Part of the damage area where damage was estimated at \$5,000,000, the flood swept toward Corvallis, Albany, Salem, Oregon City and Astoria.

Water cascaded all over highways and washed over farm lands. The cities themselves on higher ground, however, had been touched by flood. In Salem, the Willamette lapped probably close to city street, at the two main river crossings today. Hundreds were evacuated from low land. At West Springfield, 900 persons were rescued. Many others were taken from small communities and isolated farms.

GERMAN AUXILIARY CRUISER IS SUNK

London, Jan. 2—(AP)—The German radio today told of the sinking of the Nazi auxiliary cruiser Atlantis by the British cruiser Devonshire. This probably was the same sinking announced by the British admiralty December 1. The admiralty said then that the Devonshire had sunk an armed merchant raider in the south Atlantic November 22, and that "it was not practicable to pick up survivors" because a Nazi submarine was nearby. It did not identify the ship.

HALL AGAIN NAMED TO COLUMBIA BOARD

Kansas City, Jan. 2—(AP)—The reappointment of four members to regional farm credit board and the appointment of another seven announced today by A. G. Black, governor of the farm credit administration. The reappointments include Claude T. Hall of Rosburg, N. C., to the farm credit board of Columbia, which handles loans in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Nazis Sink Destroyer

London, Jan. 2—(AP)—The German high command reported today the first venture in which it has risked any of its strong northern naval squadron to prey on the convoy route to Russia since last August and, at best, it boasted only a minor success. Only one allied vessel, a destroyer, was listed as sunk and the communique acknowledged that the Germans, who can ill afford to trade ship for ship, also had lost another destroyer. It reported gunfire hits also on several allied cruisers, destroyers and merchantmen and torpedo hits on four other cargo ships, but conceded that none of these fighting ships or merchantmen was seen to sink.