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Il Duce's African Empire Falls

ANTHRACITE COAL MINE STRIKE ENDS

Blind Marine Hero Returns

Albert A. Schmid, U.S.M.C., of Philadelphia, killed two hundred Japs with his machine gun in the Solomons before he was blinded by enemy gunfire. He is shown as he was met in his home town by Ruth Hartle, the girl who had been waiting to marry him. The sightless "one man blitz" had written her while in a naval hospital asking that she free him. She dismissed the request as "nonsense".
(Central Press)

Miners Obey President's Ultimatum

Resumption of Work Called Courtesy To the President' Rather Than Defeat

Washington, Jan. 21—(AP)—The White House said today that President Roosevelt, learning of work in the hard coal mines, was gratified at the response to his appeal to the miners to end their strike "and is confident that the comparatively few who have not returned to work will join their associates in the mines."

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 21—(AP)—A three-week-old wildcat strike in the Pennsylvania anthracite field—the nation's costliest in man-hours lost since Pearl Harbor—apparently ended today a few hours before a back-to-work deadline set by President Roosevelt.

Enthusiastic miners by the thousands trooped to their jobs in all major strike-closed collieries in what one strike leader described as "a courtesy to the President" rather than the acceptance of defeat.

Of the 21,000 who once participated in the revolt against United Mine Workers leadership, barely 3,000 were known still to be idle, as the crowds of overalled workers rode down colliery shaft to their pits, many for the first time since December 30.

Two of the four small UMW local still out announced meetings for later today and many members believed back-to-work votes would result.

Only one of the four was committed to "wait out" Mr. Roosevelt's new hour sometime this afternoon when, he had said, the "necessary steps" would be taken if necessary to "end this strike which is doing serious damage to the war effort."

Strikers and others had the President's promise to mean that troops would go next to take over any collieries still strike-bound at the end of the 48-hour grace period he allowed when his order was telegraphed shortly after noon Tuesday.

"There is nothing to going to-day but eat," said Hugh Cavanaugh, president of the South Wilkes-Barre colliery local of Glen Alden Coal Co., the world's largest anthracite producer. "We do not want to embarrass the President," he added. "But we will continue to resist against the 40 cent, a month union dues increase and also for an increase in wages."

N. Y. Honeymooners

Former Cleveland pitcher Bob Feller has his tie adjusted by his new bride. The former hurler, a chief specialist in gunnery in the navy, is honeymooning in New York City on a ten day leave.
(Central Press)

Marines Relieved By Army Fighters On Guadalcanal

General Patch Heads New Units on Island; In Washington, Flynn Hearing Is Recessed

Washington, Jan. 21—(AP)—Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson disclosed today that Army ground troops have replaced the Marines in the Solomons and are commanded by Major General Alexander Patch, who has moved his headquarters from New Caledonia to Guadalcanal.

"The Marines who fought so long and so well in the Solomons are now getting a chance to rest," Patterson said at a press conference.

Patch, who commended the troops which landed in New Caledonia last year, relieved Major General Alexander A. Vandergrift of the Marines not quite a month ago, Patterson said.

The Army troops and Patch are under the general command of Major General Millard F. Harmon, who commands all Army troops in the south Pacific, but the operations in that entire area are still under the command of Admiral William F. Halsey, Patterson said.

Meantime, the capital had a day's lull in the Senate investigation of the fitness of Edward J. Flynn to be minister to Australia. The inquiry resumes tomorrow with six additional New York witnesses invited to appear, among them Mayor LaGuardia.

As the nation's new price administrator, Prentiss M. Brown, took over OPA with an appeal for consumer support of a program envisioning gradually rising prices, a Senate defense investigation committee accused the office of civilian supply of gambling "dangerously and unwisely with our nation's food supply."

The committee report, foreseeing "grave danger" that the 1943-44 food production goal will not be reached, called for a "a new and more adequate program for farm machinery production."

The Flynn investigation conducted by the Senate foreign relations committee on Republican charges the President's nominee is unqualified for the diplomatic post drew a capacity crowd at yesterday's opening session.

The initial hearing was marked by a cry of "perjury" against Flynn's own disclosure of any wrong doing while he was Bronx county sheriff and New York city chamberlain, plus a running conflict between Senator Connally and Sidney Baron, 30 year-old Brooklyn public relations counsel and secretary of a committee to reopen the Flynn case.

Jap Warship Is Bombed

Bomb Hits Destroyer Off Bougainville; Munda Is Raided By U. S. Planes

Washington, Jan. 21—(AP)—The Navy announced today the bombing of a Japanese destroyer off Bougainville island in the Solomons and the shooting down of eight enemy planes in the Shortland island area.

The text of the Navy communique, No. 252:

"South Pacific:

"On January 19th an air striking group of United States planes bombed Japanese positions at Munda on New Georgia island. Results were not reported.

"On January 20th, during the early morning, Flying Fortresses scored one bomb hit on a Japanese destroyer off Cape Friendship at the southernmost tip of Bougainville island.

"Flying Fortresses with fighter escort attacked two enemy cargo ships and two destroyers in the Shortland island area. A number of enemy Zeros and float type biplanes intercepted the attack and eight of these planes were shot down. No hits on the enemy ships were observed. One United States fighter was lost and several Fortresses were damaged.

"On January 21st, during the morning, medium bombers dropped bombs on Japanese positions at Munda. Results were not observed."

EIGHT PERSONS HURT IN PEORIA, ILL., FIRE

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 21—(AP)—Fire attacked the five-story Pascal hotel in the heart of Peoria's business district this morning, injuring at least eight persons.

The fire raged out of control two hours after it was discovered and fire officials said it would be several hour before they could determine whether any of the 35 guests in the hotel had been trapped. Damage was estimated at $300,000.

35 PERSONS KILLED IN TRANSPORT CRASH

Washington, Jan. 21—(AP)—The crash of a transport plane under contract to the Army, in which 26 passengers and nine crew members were killed January 15 near the coast of Dutch Guiana in South America was announced today by General George, commanding general of the air transport command.

'Mrs. War Worker'

California milliners awarded a collection of hats to Mrs. J. Patterson, a swing shift aircraft worker in Los Angeles and gave her the title "Mrs. Ideal War Worker for 1943." Her husband, Capt. Patterson, is in a Jap prison in the Philippines.
(Central Press)

World Peace Discussed

Babson Gives Points Believed Necessary For Lasting Peace In Nation and World

By ROGER W. BABSON
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Lake Wales, Fla., Jan. 21—I am one who wants military men rather than the diplomats to write the peace treaty. Hence, in view of what Vice President Wallace has recently said re world peace, I will remind my readers to a few things to think about.

Naturally, we all hope this will be the last world war. We want peace for our grandchildren and their descendants. But can the world be kept in status quo? Can we expect to continue at peace unless we ourselves qualify therefore in four to-gide ways? Let me devote my time this week to explaining what I mean.

1. PHYSICAL FITNESS—I do not believe that the physically abnormal should necessarily rule the world. There is something far better than brute force. On the other hand, the soft, the weak and those seeking places should not expect to rule. Some day our natural resources, with which we are now winning the war, will be used up. We must not let our physical stamina and endurance to meet such conditions when they come.

Does this mean that perhaps one-tenth effort of our public schools should be to make youth more physically fit. If so, then clothing, exercise, diet and habits should be within this thought in mind. This may be all right for the devotees of "fads and isms," but the devotees of hikes, hiking, swimming, horseback riding and ice cream sundaes should not be cut out if we are truly interested in national security and world peace.

2. BIOLOGICAL CONSCIOUSNESS—We must not only make physical endurance a great aim, but we must raise good stock to start with. To avoid being offended by foreign nations, or to police the world, as Mr. Wallace talks about, we must boldly encourage boy to be a soldier. He surely means that the "fittest" should raise more boys and see that they marry into good stock.

Unfortunately, nature intended that the weak babies should die and the crazy people should kill themselves so that the breeding should be solely from the physically and mentally strong. The world has progressed on this principle for thousand of years. Only recently have we defied nature's plans and are breeding by-law numbers from college graduates rather than those supported by charity than from the self-supporting. Certainly, this cannot continue indefinitely if we expect to be free from invasion and enjoy world peace.

3. INTELLECTUAL PROGRESS—American has led the world in public education. Much of our success today is due to our native intelligence and freedom. But other nations are fast catching up with us. Even Japan has a less per centage of illiteracy than we have.

This means that to hold our present relative intellectual position in the world, we must quickly get our public schools out of politics. This requires teaching basic moral standards, ethics, mutual of charity" and perhaps requires an entire change in secondary education. The so-called "boy college" must also wake up if we are to have world peace.

4. RELIGIOUS SANITY—This is a touchy subject, but a very, very, important subject. It is not enough for us to SPEED UP physically, LESS WE ARE GOING IN THE biologically and intellectually UNRIGHT DIRECTION. Righteousness is absolutely essential in saving America. There, however, may be a great difference between righteousness and theology—between theoretical Christianity and "Christianity in action."

We believe that the Christian religion is the hope of the world; but just to believe it does not make it so. The religion worth having is the one which will produce the largest number of strong, intelligent and moral people. "By their fruits ye shall know them." There can Be only one God and one Heaven. Until the over 200 different Christian religions—not to mention the hundreds of so-called heathen religions—can peacefully unite, how can we

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Nazi Armies Flee Tripoli Under Fire

British Eighth Army Captures Two Towns And Pushes Onward, Pursuing Rommel

(By The Associated Press)

Final collapse of Premier Mussolini's African empire appeared to be only a matter of hours today, amid signs that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was hastily abandoning the burning city of Tripoli, and British eighth army columns stormed forward within 35 miles of the axis stronghold.

A bulletin from General Sir B. L. Montgomery's eighth army headquarters said British troops yesterday captured the towns of Tarhuna and Homs, respectively 49 and 56 miles from Tripoli, and continued their pursuit of Rommel's fleeing armies.

Even line dispatches said Rommel's troops and equipment were already streaming westward from Tripoli toward the Tunisian frontier, 200 miles away, with allied planes making a shambles of the enemy's line of retreat.

A 50-mile stretch of coastal road between Tripoli and Zuara was described as littered with the bombed and bullet-smashed wreckage of trucks and other equipment.

British headquarters indicated that Tarhuna and Homs fell early yesterday and that "during the day our troops were in close contact with the enemy retreating to the west."

For the moment, the downfall of Mussolini's once proud African empire eclipsed other events, but vital developments were shaping elsewhere in the global war:

RUSSIA—Red army troops, now driving 30 miles into the Ukraine, were reported forging a new pincers threat to the big steel city of Kharkov, after a 10-mile advance to the southeast.

Other Soviet columns were reported sweeping through the southern Ukraine toward the sea of Azov in a move to close a steel arc around Rostov, whose fall would cut off the land "escape corridor" of perhaps 500,000 axis troops fighting in southern Russia.

WESTERN WAR—London recorded a known toll of 44 children and fourteen killed yesterday when Germans indiscriminately in the biggest daylight raid since the battle of Britain, bombed a school in the capital. Three women were killed, the rest were children. Fifty others were injured, and several workers still in the wreckage by rescuers still pressed under fear of recovery.

Scattered German night raiders touched off four alarms in London before dawn today, and two nazi planes were shot down.

FIVE AXIS SUBS SUNK IN ATLANTIC

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 21—(AP)—[illegible] Admiral John H. Ingram, commander of the United States naval forces in the south Atlantic, announced today that five axis submarines had been sunk in the last month in the south Atlantic.

Absentee Ballot Revision Offered

Senator Hudgins Introduces Two Bills To Change System; Other Raleigh News

Raleigh, Jan. 21—(AP)—Companion measures to revise completely the State's absentee ballot laws, target of much criticism from the North Carolina elections board itself, were introduced in the legislature today by Senator Hudgins of Guilford.

On the other side of the capitol, Representative Turner of Guilford introduced a bill to remove the imposition of the sales tax from prepared meals to foods sold or served on or off the premises by cafes, restaurants and other public places.

Hudgins' bills referred to the committee on election laws, would amend both the absentee voting and election rules and provide that the voter must make application in writing either in person or by mail to the chairman of the county board of elections not more than 30 day nor less than two days before the election. Cases involving sudden illness would be excepted.

The county chairman would have to mail the absentee ballots or give them personally to the voter, who in turn might sign a notarized certificate saying he received the ballot. The envelope containing the ballot must be in the hands of the county election board chairman by 9 a. m. on election day, delivered by mail, by the voter himself, or a member of his immediate family. On the morning of election day the chairman would have to deliver to each registrar in the county the list of all absentee ballots received by him from voters in each precinct and all absentee containers, unopened, to the precinct registrar. The registrar must post a list of absentee voters in a public place by noon of election day and the chairman must keep all original applications for six months or longer.

The measures also would make it unlawful for any person other than the election official or the voter in the process of voting to have in his or her possession any official primary or general election ballots prior to the day of voting.

Nineteen bills were placed on the favorable calendar in the house, including one to raise the salaries of

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NAVY TO ANNOUNCE CASUALTIES DAILY

Washington, Jan. 21—(AP)—The Navy announced today that effective immediately all casualties of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard would be announced in a daily list instead of in periodical accumulations, as heretofore.

The daily list, containing the names of 19 men killed, 15 wounded and 13 missing, was made public yesterday. The Navy will continue to follow the policy of notifying next of kin before making the names public.

Grange Favors Longer School

Raleigh, Jan. 21—(AP)—Governor Broughton's recommendation for a statewide nine-month school by the enforcement of the Sale Grange's executive committee.

The committee voted the endorsement here yesterday. It also rejected to ask the OPA to rescind a penalty on oil peak carcasses and to ask the Commodity Credit Corporation to adjust the price of cotton seed.

The committeemen heard E. W. Sheet of Washington, assistant to the national master of the Grange, outline the national organization's program in the "food for victory" campaign.

ASHEVILLE BURLEY MARKET IS CLOSED

Asheville, Jan. 21—(AP)—A total of 3,913,246 pounds of burley tobacco was sold on the Asheville market during the season which ended yesterday. The average price for the season was $42.93 a hundred pounds and growers received $1,692,904.43 for their crop.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Warmer this afternoon and tonight.

Manpower Study Asked

Bankhead Proposes That Allies Furnish Fighters, U. S. Raise Food and Make Arms

Washington, Jan. 21—(AP)—Senator Bankhead, Alabama Democrat, proposed today that the United States concentrate on the production of food and weapons and call on the other United Nations to furnishing any additional fighting men needed to win the war.

Declaring that some 7,000,000 physically fit Americans already have entered the service and that present plans call for the monthly addition of 100,000 more, Bankhead told the Senate:

"In view of the absolute necessity of at least continuing and, if possible, increasing the production of war materials and instruments and implements, it is apparent that it will dangerous to withdraw from war production many more men for service in the armed forces."

Bankhead said it seemed to him that the most practical solution "is to continue in position to serve ourselves and our allies as an arsenal for the production

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Minor Gains Rule Market

New York, Jan. 21—(AP)—Buyers perked lightly of their favorite stock market fare today but there was enough nibbling to extend Wednesday's belated recovery by fractions for assorted leaders.

Mild rising tendencies continued at the start, with dealings about as slow as in the preceding session. Nine minor advances ruled near the fourth hour. Numerous issues were unchanged.

Cotton Prices Turn Higher

New York, Jan. 21—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 5 cents a bale higher to 10 cents lower.

Late foreseen values were 15 to 45 cents a bale higher, March 19.63, May 19.56 and July 19.41.

	Previous Today's Close	Open
March	19.65	19.63
May	19.47	19.48
July	19.35	19.35
October	19.20	19.21
December	19.17	19.17
January	19.14	19.12