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TUNIS-PONT DU FAHS ROAD THREATENED

STRIKES THREATEN SOFT COAL INDUSTRY

A Veteran at 21



MARINE CORPORAL Clyde Brewster, 21, of Brevard, West Va., joined the Marines to see action at the age of 18. He lost his left leg while defending Henderson Field on Guadalcanal against the Japs. He is shown at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, U. S. Navy photo. (International)

Liberators Raid Italy

Big Load of Bombs Dropped on Airdrome in Southern Italy By U. S. Fliers

Cairo, April 27.—(AP)—A heavy concentration of American Liberators dropped a quarter-million pounds of high explosives yesterday on the Nazi airdrome in southern Italy, a key assembly point for axis aircraft.

Duke Gifts Increased

Charlotte, April 27.—(AP)—Trustees of the Duke Endowment increased to \$736,143 the institution's 1943 beneficiaries to 133 hospitals in North Carolina and South Carolina when they approved at their monthly meeting here today additional appropriations totaling \$98,356 to 28 hospitals.

Stock Sellers Are Timid

New York, April 27.—(AP)—Selling timidity was pronounced in today's stock market. Selected railway bonds were higher, commodities mixed.

Labor Board Sends Plea To Unions

Labor Policies Enter Crucial Stage; UMW District Leaders In Policy Meet

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—More than 50 mines were shut down today in the spread of a strike which held the possibility of halting production of soft coal by Saturday.

However, in Pennsylvania, 26 mines were shut down with 14,700 men idle. The production lost there thus increased to more than 88,000 tons a day, on the basis of six tons a man.

About 4,000 men were idle in Kentucky and 2,500 in Alabama. In Ohio, a UMW district president said "it is not a contract between operators and the union by Friday there won't be any coal miners going into coal mines Saturday."

UMW district leaders met in New York for a policy meeting but Lewis still was silent. He has flatly opposed the turning over of the wage dispute between mines and the operators to the W.L.B.

Father Kills Daughters And Self

Bay City, Mich., April 27.—(AP)—Barricaded in his home and despite efforts of police to oust him with tear gas, the father of six children went berserk with a shotgun this morning, killed two small daughters, wounded two others and then shot himself fatally through the head.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
No decided change in temperature, but slightly warmer in north portion tonight. Some likelihood of showers in mountains.

Allies Close In on Salamaua

DESTROYING A KO'D ENEMY TANK



BRITISH SAPPERS go through their hazardous job of administering the coup de grace to a knocked-out enemy tank near Medina, Tunisia. Sappers, having laid their explosive charges, dash back to safety (top). The tank is shown sailing in all directions (bottom). (International)

Judge Warlick Withdraws From Gubernatorial Race

Cherry Says Contest Is Two-Man Affair; Hoey to Decide On Senate Race

Raleigh, April 27.—(AP)—Advised here today that Judge Wilson Warlick had publicly announced he would not be a candidate for governor, R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia said that the books apparently were closed and the gubernatorial race would be between him and Dr. Ralph McDonald.

McDonald and Cherry Left as Candidates; Warlick Will Not Oppose Reynolds

Newton, April 27.—(AP)—Wilson Warlick in a statement here today said he had decided not to be a candidate for governor in the Democratic primary next year.

House Group Favors Pact

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—The House ways and means committee voted 14 to 11 today approval of the administration's reciprocal trade agreement program essentially as it was requested by the State department after rejecting a series of Republican amendments.

Command Hills Overlooking Mubo Village

Washington, April 27.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters disclosed today that American and Australian troops now command hills overlooking Mubo village, only twelve miles south of the big Japanese base at Salamaua, New Guinea, and allied patrols have penetrated within six miles of the base itself.

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Red Planes Blast Nazis

Moscow, April 27.—(AP)—Aviation activity had reached a new fury on the Soviet-German front today as Russians, with increased strength, continued to blast Nazi forward and rear positions and communications.

Aerial War Reaches New Peak of Fury; Fiercest Fighting On Kuban Front

Red Star, the army newspaper, said that following great air losses, the German air activity in the Kuban slackened after April 22 but Russian activity increased.

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AN OFFICIAL REPORT from the Soviet news agency Tass, indicated that the new chief of the Russian Army general staff is Marshal A. M. Vassilievsky. He was recently awarded the Order of Suvorov, 1st grade, by U. S. Soviet Republics President Kalinin. (International)

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Allied Armor Closes Trap On Germans

Eighty German Tanks Destroyed in Battle Raging Since Sunday; Americans Advance

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 27.—(AP)—Allied armored forces have driven to within four miles of the Tunis-Pont du Fahs road and have destroyed 80 German tanks in the big scale battle which has raged since Sunday, allied quarters announced today.

Further north, the British first army infantry cleared eleven miles of road from Medjel-Bab to Tebourba and reached Toum railroad station, only 25 miles west of Tunis, front line dispatches reported, and for the first time since November the allies were again on the threshold to the Tunis plain.

The same report said the French skirting the Mediterranean had penetrated to within six miles of Lake Achkel, which almost adjoins Lake Bizerte. (Apparently this placed the British and French within 23 miles of both the twin cities of Bizerte and Tunis.)

In the sector between Medjel-Bab and the Mediterranean, the Americans of Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr., continued an advance so rapid that German rear guards were unable to bury their dead and assaulted two strategic knobs, Green Hill and Bald Hill, the most heavily fortified mountains in the northern sector.

With the U. S. Army in Northern Tunisia, April 27, 9:29 a. m.—5:29 a. m. EMT.—(AP)—American infantry attacked Djebel el Azzog, ten miles west of Mateur, and in the area west of Lake Achkel, today, but pulled back under heavy counter fire.

The enemy's position is north of strongly fortified Jemla. South of Jemla, the Americans succeeded, however, in occupying Djebel el Ajred.

These allied thrusts accompanied gains all along the 100-mile front in fighting which the allied headquarters communique characterized as "unabated ferocity." They were participated in by allied air forces which dropped more than 1,000 tons in an air offensive which the announcement said was of "increasing intensity."

Armored spearheads of the British jabbing southwest of Goubellat threatened to cut off the big supply base of Pont du Fahs, 24 miles southwest of Tunis, which already was menaced by the much feared Moroccan goumiers who had driven north-east along the Tunisian dorsal to a hill overlooking the town.

The situation "went blue smoke" in their push on Pont du Fahs from the southwest yesterday, front line patches said, and were within two miles of the objective.

The tank battle here, which appeared to be the key to the great fight going on all along the front, had cost the Germans 20 tanks in the last 24 hours.

In the wild and deadly action first army armored columns had reached no point only four miles from the supply base of Pont du Fahs, and had battered its way to within six miles of the city.

The day's most spectacular air blow was struck by Flying Fortresses which made their longest flight of the north African campaign and bombed Grosseto flying field, 90 miles northwest of Rome, to give Hitler a hint of bombings to come.

Loosing hundreds of fragmentation bombs in two waves over the airbase, the Fortresses scattered destruction among parked planes, and smashed buildings at the reserve German air force base.

In union with British first army and American advances, the British eighth army infantry too made "slight advances" in difficult hill fighting, a spokesman said.