

MINERS RETURNING SLOWLY TO COAL PITS

Nazis' Position In Russia Is Growing Steadily Worse

ALLIES RUSH RECONSTRUCTION OF NAPLES



WORKING WITH BIG CRANES, Allied engineers speed the momentous task of reconstructing Naples. Many sections of the city are being made habitable again for the thousands of Neapolitans made homeless during the battles between Allied and Nazi armies. A mass evacuation was ordered for four hours as Allied electrical engineers turned on the lights once more. It was believed that the current surging through the city's numerous conduits would set off mines left by the Germans. O.W.I. photo. (International Soundphoto)

Soviet Army Approaching Dnieper Port

Berlin Announces New Russian Landing in Eastern Crimea

Moscow, Nov. 4—(AP)—The whole German position in south Russia grew worse by the hour today as the Red army reached the lower reaches of the Dnieper river in strength at numerous places and approached the port of Kherson at its mouth.

In other sectors, Soviet bombers and Sturmovik planes, blasted hundreds of Germans trying to make their way to the western bank.

The Berlin radio announced a new Russian landing in the eastern Crimea south of Kerch. The Germans asserted that the three-day-old bridgehead south of the Crimean port had been reduced.

The Germans also announced a renewed Russian offensive pointing north and west of Kiev in the sector above the Ukrainian capital. Strong artillery preparation preceded the attack covered by formations of "heavy defense battalions."

The Russians have not initiated a crossing of the lower Dnieper. The river in the south is very broad—an estuary, in fact, of the Black Sea. Banks on either side are a combination of mud and sand. Pontoon bridges across the river will require extreme engineering dexterity.

Time is on the side of the fleeing and demoralized Germans and the Russians are eager to follow up their successes by keeping contact to chop and trap the foe.

General Fedorov Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukrainian army which sealed and bypassed the Crimea was filling the eastern bank of the lower Dnieper swiftly. A crossing point where from Nikolai in the head to the Kherson sector would increase the peril to thousands of Germans still in the Dnieper elbow and around the iron and rail center of Krivoy Rog.

Troubled Relations Between DeMarigny And Murdered Man

Nassau, Nov. 4—(AP)—Describing his troubled relations with the man of whose murder he is accused, Alfred DeMarigny swore in a dramatic witness stand appearance in Bahamas Supreme Court today that he spoke to Sir Harry Oakes, his father-in-law, for the last time March 30.

The blue-eyed and burned body of the aged multi-millionaire was found July 2 in a bedroom at his seaside villa and the next day DeMarigny was arrested.

The final break came, he said in a voice with a French accent, when the aged Sir Harry came to his home at 4 a. m. March 30, threatened to kick in the door, and pulled his young son, now Sir Sidney, out of a bed and made him leave.

"I never spoke to Sir Harry after that morning," DeMarigny declared. "Put on your clothes and get the hell out of this house." DeMarigny quoted Sir Harry as telling Sidney, who now is 16 years old.

The BIG Boss—And We Ain't Kiddin'



President of the United Mine Workers of America, John L. Lewis is shown here as he presided over a meeting in Washington of the union's policy committee, prior to granting of the high wage increase by the government as a condition and inducement for Lewis' order Wednesday night calling off the strike throughout the country. President Roosevelt had already designated Secretary Harold Ickes to seize the mines for the government.

Wage Boost Granted In Settlement

War Labor Board to Consider Agreement "First Thing" Today

Washington, Nov. 4—(AP)—The nation's coal miners returned slowly to production today, released from the grip of a paralyzing three-day strike by an agreement increasing the bituminous miners' earnings at least \$1.50 a day or about \$11.50 for a six-day week.

The miners, after virtually ignoring the appeal of President Roosevelt to report for work yesterday, started back to the pits on orders of John L. Lewis, president, and other officers of the United Mine Workers, who advised them of a "satisfactory agreement" with Secretary of the Interior Ickes, the U. S. fuel boss.

The War Labor Board said it would consider the agreement "first thing" today.

Part of the soft coal wage boost is accounted for by cutting the hourly rate from 30 minutes to 15. Under ground travel time also is to be compensated after 40 hours a week. Ickes and Lewis fixed the travel time at 45 minutes a day. There is a question whether the W.L.B. would accept this slack formula for all mines because travel time varies considerably.

The agreement also took in the hard coal miners.

Anthracite miners are allowed an additional 37.8 cents a day under the pact. Added to the 32.2 cents allowed by the W.L.B. last week under its little steel formula, the total cash increase is 70 cents a day. Concessions approved by the W.L.B. in the form of free tools are not included in either totals. They are estimated to be worth 20 to 25 cents a day for all miners.

Appropriation Bill Slashed By 82 Percent

Washington, Nov. 4—(AP)—The skeleton-like remnants of a \$1,496,423,749 catch-all appropriations bill emerged from the House Appropriations Committee today slashed by 82 percent in a congressional economy drive—to a total of \$215,368,441.

Aftermath of six weeks of day and night scrutiny into the requests of almost two score government agencies for extra funds, the measure went to the House floor with several proposed allocations reduced drastically, others eliminated entirely.

Escaping the "bone removing operation" was a description which came from Chairman Cannon (D., Mo.)—the oft-embattled Office of War Information was granted its request for an additional \$3,000,000 after top ranking military chiefs highly praised it, war work.

Opening the way to resumption of a battle over the future of the Farm Security Administration, the committee turned down that agency's request for \$6,500,000 for salaries and expenses and denied its request for authority to borrow \$37,500,000 more for operating loans to farmers.

Pay Raises Are Granted C Teachers

Raleigh, Nov. 4—(AP)—The State Board of Education today granted full year pay raises for school teachers holding class C, elementary A and B certificates, under both the minimum and maximum schedules.

The raises, depending upon the years of experience, were designed to help those in the lower classifications, particularly those who have returned to the classrooms for the war's duration.

The increases were made retroactive and for the year only. The total estimated cost of the increment was \$21,069.

Allies Blast Ships Of Japanese Navy Massed At Rabaul

Large Losses Suffered When Allied Bombers Attack in Solomons

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Nov. 4—(AP)—Allied air might, dispersed in strength at bases from which to strike hard and swiftly, has blasted into twisted hulks the warships and transports Japan massed at Rabaul to countersmash the northern Solomons invasion.

In a dazzling display of diversified power, General MacArthur's big bomber force sank three destroyers and eight large merchantmen or transport at Rabaul Tuesday and ripped open the hull of a heavy cruiser while planes of Admiral William F. Halsey raged the length of embattled Bougainville, blowing new holes in its unusable airfields.

Halsey's units also dived and scurried in day-long battles to keep Japanese planes away from the American Marines having enemy soldiers, back into the jungles on Bougainville's west coast.

In all these operations, nearly 100,000 tons of Japanese shipping were sunk or damaged, 129 enemy planes were destroyed or

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CIO Leader In Favor Of Fourth Term

Philadelphia, Nov. 4—(AP)—Sidney Hillman, chairman of the political action committee of the CIO, told his national convention today that if the 1944 presidential election were a few months away he would be ready to commit himself for a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

Thunderous applause followed the remark.

"No organization can commit itself in 1943 for 1944, but if the election were within a few months I would still raise my voice for the sale of the nation for the nomination and election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt," Hillman said.

Only Sea Left



ONLY CHANCE of escape of some 80,000 Nazi troops trapped in the Crimea appears to be the sea, as shown by map. Last rail and highway escapes were cut when Russians took Chaplinka (star) and pushed to Black Sea. Russian Black Sea fleet is expected to block rescue efforts. (International)

Methodists Today Have Full Calendar

Rocky Mount, Nov. 4—(AP)—A full calendar of business, devotionals, and varied activities today occupied delegates to the annual session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference here.

The program opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. E. D. Weathers of Weldon, and this was followed by a business session. A report was submitted on the conference brotherhood by the Rev. R. G. Davison, pastor of Trinity Methodist church of Raleigh.

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RAF Bombs Two Cities In Germany

Dusseldorf, Cologne Heavily Hit After Attack by Americans

London, Nov. 4—(AP)—A great fleet of RAF heavy bombers hammered the German industrial cities of Dusseldorf and Cologne last night in a sequel to a smashing daylight attack on Wilhelmshaven by the largest forces of American aircraft ever thrown against the Reich.

The main blow was concentrated on Dusseldorf, making that big Ruhr armament center probably the world's most heavily bombed city next to Hamburg, while a diversionary assault by a smaller force was made on Cologne on the Rhine. Bombers also bombed objectives in the Ruhr and Brabant.

Nineteen aircraft were lost in the night's operations, which included mine laying in German waters and intruder patrols over targets in France and the Low Countries. Four enemy aircraft were destroyed by the bombers.

Dispatches from Stockholm quoted a newspaper as saying more than 1,000 persons were killed in Tuesday's attack by the United States heavy bombers based in the Mediterranean theatre on Wiener Neustadt.

The size of previous attacks on Dusseldorf, yesterday's record American strike at Wilhelmshaven, and the fact that the RAF has had two weeks of bad weather in which to prepare last night's offensive hinted that

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Casualties of U. S. In Mediterranean Totalling 31,126

Washington, Nov. 4—(AP)—American army casualties in the Mediterranean war zone from the initial landings in North Africa to the night of last November 7 to 8 until October 29 totalling 31,126, Secretary of War Stimson reported today.

Of this total, he said 5,529 were killed, 17,621 were wounded and 7,966 missing, of whom most undoubtedly are prisoners of the Germans.

20,000 Still Held By Japan

Port Elizabeth, Union of South Africa, Nov. 4—(AP)—Nearly 20,000 Oriental civilians, 6,300 of them Americans, still remain in internment camps in Japan, China and the Philippines, and all face steady dwindling food supplies and a growing shortage of medicines.

This was disclosed by a survey of the 1,500 repatriates aboard the exchange liner Gripsholm who came from 28 of the 33 large and small civilian camps the Japanese are known to be maintaining in those countries. The food and medicine shortages

were attributed to the disruption of communications and rising living costs.

The situation was said to be particularly acute on Hongkong island, which is entirely dependent on imported foodstuffs. Repatriates declared that more than 1,600,000 Chinese and foreigners, including 3,000 British civil internees, are near starvation there. These sources expect a famine this winter in Hongkong city and—unless the Japanese exchange liner Tei Maru deposits a cargo of Red Cross supplies promptly—

heavy toll of deaths will result among internees in Camp Stanley.

In addition to the 6,300 Americans approximately 13,300 British, Canadians and Netherlands remain in the camps scattered through Japan, China and the Philippines. A few hundred still are free because of medical and religious exemptions or special technical employment.

Most of the Americans, some 5,000 of them, remain in the Philippines in three major camps. Possibly less than 100 are in Japan, the remainder having been sent to China.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cool again tonight, Friday partly cloudy and warmer.