BERLIN IN FLAMES AFTER WORST BOMBI

FDR Urges Veterans' Pay Plan

Enaction at Once of Mustering Out Pay Measure Requested

Washington, Nov. 23—(AP)
— President Roosevelt sent
Congress a formal request today that it do something now
about providing mustering out pay, unemployment allowances and social security credit for men and women in uniform.

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In addition, he urged the legislaors in a message to "enact withad delay" a measure setting up an
memployment insurance system for
he enerchant marine,

"The Congress will agree, I am
sure," Mr. Roosevelt said, "that,
this time, we must have plans
and legislation ready for our returning veterans instead of waiting until the last moment. It
will give notice to our armed
forces that the people back home
do not propose to let them
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The steps which he specifically prested of Congress today were it of a program of minimum astance for those serving their unity which the President outlin-

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This time he omitted however, a oposal he nade then that persons the merchant marine be given ustering out pay.

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For they in the armed forces, he said, the mustering out pay should be uniform and reasonable and should be paid in monthly installments, rather than in a lump sum, at the time of honorable discharge or return to inactive duty. The chief executive mentioned no definite amount, leaving that for Congress to determine.

For service personnel unable to get jobs within a reasonable time after they become civilians again. Mr. Roosevelt said, "unemployment allowances should be provided until they can reasonably be absorbed by private industry."

Bags Two Jap Dive Bombers

Somewhere in the South Pacific (Delayed), Nov. 23—(AP)—'I have one hand on a cook pot and the other on a machine gun."

Thus the recipe given by Marine Mrss Sgt. Jay Carter, of Pink Hall, N.C., who is credited with shooting down two Japanese dive bombers and serving up a batch of hot corn bread all within an hour's time.

Carter literally "doubles in brass" by taking charge of a galley and by serving as a gumer on the machine gun which is placed just a lew steps from his kitchen door.

'I was just baking a batch of corn bread when the signal for the raid came," the slightly built, 26 year old Marine explained. "I quickly shut off the stove and ran to the gun. There were five Jap planes diving down on us. I just opened up and Asketd what he did thour Mess Set. wh on us. I just opened up and Asked what he did then, Mess Sgt.

he's baking corn bread.

Death Of 3rd Congressman In 24 Hours

Washington, Nov. 23-(AP)-The Washington, Nov. 23—(AP)—The Senate today mourned the death of W. Warren Barbour, New Jersey Republican, opposents of Mayor Frank Hugue of Jresey City, millionaire thread manufacturer and one-time amateur heavyweight boxing champion.

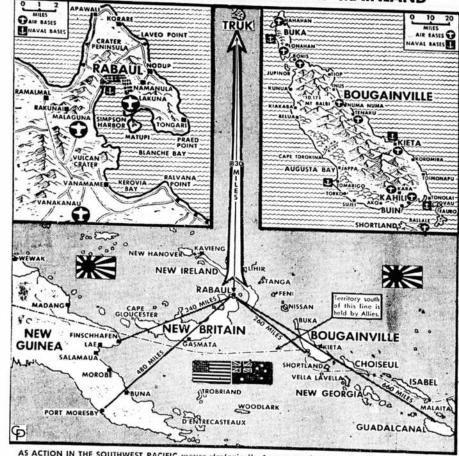
In the death of administration. One senator declared he had heard the manpower chief was "so steamed up about this that he had indicated he would resign if the President signs the bill".

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ng champion. Varbour, who was 55, succumbed Parbour, who was 55, succumoen to heart disease last night after a brief illness in his Washington home. His death followed within 24 hours the fatal injuring of Senator J. Wilcrass and the death from heart disease. tiam Ditter (R. Pa.), in an airplance

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CAPTURE OF TRUK THREAT TO JAP MAINLAND



AS ACTION IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC moves strategically from one point to another, the Japs give indication of tightening up for a bitter-end "delaying campaign" while Admiral Halsey and Gen. MacArthur continue their two-pronged offensive efforts. This map brings the various angles of this vital struggle into closer focus, At upper right is Rabaul, to which the Japs are now reported desperately rushing men and equipment following the disastrous air assaults of U.S. bombers. While a recent Navy Department statement predicted that the Japs would withdraw soon, other sources insist that Rabaul is far too important to the entire Jap Pacific supply line to let it go without a struggle. At the right, the map shows Buka, at the north tip of Bougainville, which is the target for air assault. Truk, Nippon's poweful and strategic air and naval base, would be greatly endangered by the fall of Rabaul and before it is menaced a tough struggle to the southward may be looked for.

(International)

General Patton Apologizes

Mess Sergeant RumorThatChiang May Participate In Three Power Parley

London, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The long, awaiting conference between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and M. rshall Stalin, which reports from abroad indicate is imminent, assumed greater potential proportions today as ramors circulated in London that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek might participate.

In keeping with the strict official silence which has been maintained in connection with all reports concerning a possible meeting of the American, British and Russian statesmen the rumors concerning Chiang passed without comment.

The presence of the Chinese generalissimo, however, doubtless states with attendant risks, has ever been attempted before.

McNutt May Resign If "I went back into the galley, lit the stove again, and finished making my corn bread." Mess Sgt. Carter would be willing to overlook the whole incident, except for one thing. He feels that it is an unforgivable error to interrupt a North Carolina man while he's balking corn bread. Washington, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Paul ously weaken the manps of the working corn bread of the working of the manual of the working corn bread of the working of the working corn bread of the working of the work

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President Roosevelt vetoes the new father draft act.

The bill sent to the White House by the Senate on a voice vote yesterday strips McNutt of authority over selective service. It also is designed to slow down or halt the draft of prewar fathers but officials indicated it would not bring about any cated it would not bring about any radical changes in present induction

procedures.

McNutt formerly told the Senate that the Legislation sabotaged "sound administration".

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signs the bill".

McNutt declared in his letter to the Senate that the bill would "seri-

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and continued rather cold

Washington, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Paul ously weaken the manpower pro-V. McNutt was described today as gram" by divorcing military and "so-steamed up" that he will quit civilian manpower authority, as manpower commissioner unless "The proposed amendment is a "The proposed sabotage of sour he wrote.

Charles Ray, Star Of Silent Screen, Dies of Infection

Hollywood, Nov. 23 — (AP) — Charles Ray, 52, who gained national fame for his portrayal of country bumpkin roles on the silent screen, lied today after a lorg dines.

The peculiar naivee with which he tune as an actor only to lose most of it through an ill-starred venture as a film producer, had been in a hosoital for five weeks, suffering from a malignant throat infection.

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Apology Made After Hitting Sick Soldier During Sicily Battle

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Nov. 23—(AP)—It was dis-closed officially today that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton. Jr., had apologized to all officers and men of the Seventh army for striking a soldier during the Si-

cilian campaign.

At the same time, Allied headquarters said that correspondents
might reveal all of the fact they
knew of the incident which since
last August has been one of the
main subjects of discussion among
soldiers in this theatre.

While Patton was not relieved
of his command of the Seventh
army and was not given a formal reprimand, he received a
castigation from Gen, Dwight D,
Eisenhower such as has seldom
been administered to a command of an army.

The story is a strange one—
the story of a general whose ex-

in the heat of battle lost his temper and later admitted he was wrong and made amends. The incident consisted of this, according to eye witnesses:

General Patton slapped a shell sheeked soldier in a hospital tent because he thought the soldier was shirking his duty.

In a fit of fury in which he expressed sympathy for men really wounded but made it plain that he did not believe that the soldier before was in that class, the general struck the youth in the rear of the head with the back of his hand.

The soldier fell over slightly and the liner of this header of the floor of the tent.

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Gilberts Offensive RAF Attack Grows As Marines Mightiest Land On Abemama During War

Jap Defenders Put Up Fierce Fight at Makin and Tarawa

Pearl Harbor, Nov. 23 — (AP)—United States Marines have swiftly expanded the fourday-old offensive in the Gil-berts by landing on a third atoll even as Japanese defend-

berts by landing on a third atoll even as Japanese defenders continued to put up a fierce fight while falling back from the beaches on the other two.

The new amphibious operation on Abemama atoll was announced by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz yesterday, a day after he disclosed Saturday's initial landing on Makin and Tarawa, indicating powerful supporting naval forces remained in the sector—one nearer to Japan's "Pearl Harhor" of Truk than it is to America's own.

The broadening of the wedge being driven into Japan's mid-Pacific outpost defenses was described in six words which supplied no details as to time or opposition—"We have landed on Abemama Atol!"—but there was sufficient implications in reports on Makin and Tarawa to make clear the battle there is a bloody one.

On Tarawa, which is 80 miles northwest of Abemama, and on Makin, still farther north, both pounded from the air and the sea prior to the invasion, "our troops have improved their potions, but are still encountering considerable resistance."

Such resistance is being met under conditions which afford little natural protection for cither side. It is a matter of conquer or dis. (These operations were integrated with others to the southwest. In the Solomons the opposing air forces exchanged blows around the American beachhead on Bougainville: on the Huon peninsula of New Guinea, Australians and tanks bored to within half a mile of Japanese plateau defenses in the jungles which are strategic because they overlook the Allied positions.)

Campaign On Gilberts To

Washington, Nov. 23.— (AP)—Landings by American Marines on three islands in the Gilbert group were described by Secretary of the Navy Knox today as the "beginning of a new campaign against Japan from the central Pacific on a much more direct route toward Japan."

He said two principal strategic objectives were ahead in the campaign, first to drive the Japanes out of the mandated islands and second to shorten by hundreds of miles American supply lines to the southwest Pacific. When the Marines gain control after battling the Japa in Tarawa, Makin, Abama, the supply lines, Knox said, can be drawn on a much shorter in disparent direct path.

Reds Regain Initiative Near Kiev

New Advances Made In the Dnieper Bend And in White Russia

London, Nov. 23 - (AP) -After nine days of desperate fighting, which Russian bat-tlefront dispatches said equalled in ferocity that which raged during the seige of Stalingrad. Red army troops were reported today to have regained the initiative in some sectors of the bulge wes tof Kiev while ham-mering out new advances in the Dnieper bend and in White

Onteper bend and in White Russia.

Buttressed by tleets of giant tarks, the Russians smashed powerful Navi attacks, near Korostyshev, 20 miles cast of Zhitomir, carpeting the battle-tield with Nazi dead and wreeking 80 enemy tanks, a Russian communique said. Besides blasting this new drive, Soviet forces repulsed two vicious thrusts near Chernyakhov, ten miles north of Zhitonir, apparently aimed at Korosten, key rail city straddling the Leningrad-Odessa and Kiev-Warsaw railways.

Field Marshal Fritz von Mannstein, who launched the tremendous new Nazi onslaught to halt the Russian offensive, apparently had little to show for his pains except the city of Zhiotnir and a few segments of territory to the north and cast. The Russian war bulletin announcing his repulse for the third successive day and stated in the third successive day and stated in the third successive day and stated in the third successive day and a few segments.

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"Political Shorten Route Football" Of Subsidy Bill

Washington, Nov. 23 — (AP) —
Chairman Mary Norton (D. N. J.)
of the House Labor Committee declared today that a powerful antisubsaity coalition was making a "political football" of the administration's efforts to hold down food
prices and was selling consumers
"down the river,"

Her assertion in a speech year

Washington, Nov. 23.—(AP). The Senate ringled the service men's vote bill as though it was loaded with po-litical booby traps today and there are indication that it night

German Counterattack

Allied Headquarters, Algers, Nov. 23—(AP)—A strong German force has launched a sharp counterattack on the British Eighth Army lines northwest of Agnone, but was beaten back after two hears of fighting, official reports from the front disclosed today.

Agnone, in the inland sector of the Eighth Army front, was captured Sunday by General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's troops.

At the same time, other Eighth Army front, more high ground overlooking Alfordena from the southeast in rungest inland mountain sectors.

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Wreck Heart of City, 10,000 Are Estimated Killed and Injured

London, Nov. 23 - (AP) -In the heaviest aerial bombard-ment in history, the RAF en-gulfed Berlin last night with fire and devastating explosive thundered down from 1,000

thundered down from Loon bombers.

First hand argumes from Berlin correspondents of Stockindin newspapers told graphically how destruction ran through the heart of the city, wrecking governmen buddings and foreign legations.

"Berlin can never recover from this blow," the Attontioningen quoted it, sources as saying.

Industrial areas still burning from the heavy raid last Thursday night were smashed again, strong formations of daylight bombers roared across the English channel to add further weight to the growing Allied effort to wreek the Reich by aerial assault.

The Attontingen gave a pre-limitary estimate of 10,000 persons dead and the ed. Berlin officially and the ed.

There were two attacks, said another Stockholm correspondent. The first came early and when the all-clear was given people swarmed from shelters. They hardly had reached the streets when the siren, called a second sime. Thus many were trapped outside shelters and the casualty toll mounted.

The RAF forces comisted almost

ek around 3 p. m.
Reports reaching Stockholm
said the mighty blasting of Berlin was heavier than even the
greatest raid ever launched on
demolished Hamburg.

All the districts of the city of 5,000,000 as well as the sub-urbs were damaged and particularly heavy devastation occur-red in the center of the capital near Unter der Linden, Alexan-der Platz and Friedrichstrasse, said a Zurich dispatch to Stock-holm.

Absentee Vote Bill Juggled By Senators