

GERMANS ADMIT REVERSES IN KIEV SECTOR

British Crack New Nazi Defenses On Italian Front

ITALIAN GIRLS SIGN UP WITH U. S. ARMY



EAGER TO HELP their new allies win the war, this group of girls in occupied Italy are questioned by Capt. V. M. Stilson of Ann Arbor, Mich., head of the U. S. Army Procurement Office in Naples.

Anchor City On Adriatic Is In Sight

River Bridgeheads Widened in Face of Hard Enemy Attacks

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 13—(AP)—Cracking a portion of the new 15-mile-long Adriatic line, on which the Germans have massed three divisions, the British Eighth Army has captured elevated grounds overlooking the seacoast town of Ortoma—anchor of enemy defenses guarding roads both to Pescara and Chieti.

YANKS SCALE TOUGHEST PEAK



TOUGH AMERICAN PLAINSMEN from the southwest—members of Gen. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy—have scaled Diavola peak on Monte Majo in the most difficult mountain climbing ever undertaken by U. S. troops.

Reds Take Initiative In Battle

Fresh Forces Are Thrown Into Fray By Russian Chiefs

London, Dec. 13—(AP)—German broadcasts inferentially admitted a turn in the flow of battle in the Kiev sector, where massed German divisions have been on the counter-offensive, and indicated that the Red armies to the south in the Dnieper bend were swarming down upon Kievograd, threatening that industrial and railroad area with encirclement.

The German communists said the Soviets had brought up fresh forces and launched "fierce counterattacks" in the crucial battle of the Kiev bridge. The Russians, in two days, were falling, said they had gone over to the offensive in that area after several weeks of defensive fighting. The Germans said they were waiting "defensive fighting unabated."

Although the Germans decried the Soviet attacks, they reported the Russians had seized several strong points from the Germans and were attacking the south and west of Mulin, 35 miles west of the Ukrainian capital, Kiev. Yesterday, the Russians were reported to be attacking the town of Mulin.

The German communists also claimed Russian bridgeheads were wiped out on the west bank of the Tegeerch, a tributary of the Dnieper, which rises just northeast of Zhitomir, and flows to the northeast.

Draft Policy Waits FDR Act

Nationwide 'Flu' Epidemic Is Slowing War Production

(By The Associated Press) Misenterism in war plants, offices, and schools mounted in the eastern and midwest United States today with the increasing incidence of respiratory ailments variously diagnosed as grippe, influenza, "cat fever" and common head colds.

8 Violent N. C. Deaths In Week-End

Charlotte, Dec. 12.—(AP)—At least nine persons died by violence in North Carolina during the week-end.

John Snow, 72-year-old farmer living seven miles north of Statesville, was killed when thrown from a wagon loaded with wood in a runaway.

Two men were killed and two other persons hurt in an automobile collision six miles southwest of Whiteville. The dead were identified as Edward Lee, 27, of Charlotte, and Vernon Sellers, 27, of Whiteville.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Partly cloudy and continued cold this afternoon and Tuesday; partly cloudy and colder tonight with temperatures 22 to 26 in west portion and 26 to 30 in east portion.

Chinese Claiming New Successes In Changteh Section

Chungking, China, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The recapture of Linan, east of Changteh, the retaking of ten villages northeast of Changteh and the encirclement of 2,000 Japanese, more than 500 of whom were killed, were announced by the Chinese high command today in continued bloody rice bowl fighting.

Politics Of South Topic At Capitol

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A threatened political revolt by Southern Democrats to break away from traditional affiliation to form their own political organization.

Senator Bailey (D-N.C.) started the new party ball rolling after Senator Guffey (D-Pa.) charged that the Southerners had joined in an "unholy alliance" with the Republicans to shelve the service men's bill.

4-F Group Might Be Opened as Source Of New Inductees

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Draft officials, awaiting the return of President Roosevelt for new moves to clarify the selective service picture, were exploring what they called a "rich field" of military manpower—the 3,100,000 men classified in 4-F.

Under the new draft bill, which the President signed last week, he is to appoint a commission to study physical standards of the Army and Navy. If those standards are lowered, a lot of 4-F rejectees may be eligible for service.

Gen. Patton's Record Given By Stimson

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson disclosed in a report to the Senate today that General George S. Patton, Jr., "had proven threateningly and with unflinching courage" to a soldier who tried to wear his legions in a combat area because his ankles were swollen.

Stock Trade Very Spotty

New York, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Buyers took up small quantities of selected stocks in today's market, but ignored many leaders.

FR Decorates Gen. Clark And Five Others

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt stopped over in Sicily after completing war conferences at Cairo and Teheran, the White House announced today, and personally conferred distinguished service crosses on Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark and five officers of his Fifth Army command.

Clark was cited for "extraordinary heroism in action" at the Salerno bridgehead in Italy, when it was threatened by an enemy counter-attack on September 14.

The citation told how Clark, as army commander, personally initiated determination and courage in his men under artillery and machine gun fire at the front lines. It told how he discovered 18 Nazi tanks approaching, located an anti-tank unit and gave the orders which brought about destruction of six tanks and the repulsion of the rest.

By his magnificent display of leadership, courage and determination, during a critical phase of the battle, the citation said, "front line troops were inspired to hold at all cost and subsequently to initiate steady advances."

The other officers decorated by their commander-in-chief were: Colonel Herbert H. Tucker, of Ansonia, Conn.; Lt. Col. Joseph B. Crawford, of Hardsville, Kans.; Lt. William W. Kellogg, of Highlands, Texas; Lt. Thomas F. Bertone, of Chicago; and Lt. Edwin F. Gould, of Orange, Cal.

U. S. Heavy Bombers Hit Northwest Germany Hard

Swarms of Fighters Protect Formations To Continent Goals

London, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Strong forces of American heavy bombers hammered through concentrations of enemy fighter planes and took today in a new daylight assault on one of the most heavily defended regions in the world—northwest Germany.

Spek, a town of 100,000 people, directly across the English Channel from the continent, was the main target. It is a heavily industrialized area, including chemical plants, with a population of 100,000.

Today's formations of fighters and fighter-bombers were supported by massive swarms of American P-47 and P-51 fighters, which have been accompanying the bombers all the way to their targets lately.

1,000 Chinese Are Reported Drowned On River Steamer

(By The Associated Press) The Berlin radio, citing a Shanghai report, said today that more than 1,000 Chinese drowned in the Yangtze River steamer with all the river port of Szechuan in Kweichow province.

It said only 200 persons were rescued and placed on the steamer "Szechuan" at the shipping company, which it asserted prevented a more precise count to be made.

McIntyre, 65, Secretary To FDR, Dies

Washington, Dec. 13.—Martin McIntyre, secretary to President Roosevelt throughout Mr. Roosevelt's ten years in the White House, died today at the age of 65.

McIntyre succumbed to a long illness at his home in his daughter, Mrs. Fred Warren.

A native of LeGrange, Olinthian county, Kentucky, McIntyre became 65 on November 27. He had been associated with President Roosevelt since their first meeting, serving as his publicity representative during the vice-presidential campaign of 1929.

U. S. Fleet Blasts Naru In Close Range Firing

430 jet-to-miles width and west of the Gilbert Islands, which United States forces blasted during the enemy last month. It has been air-bombarded before but never has the Navy Department announced that our capital ships have fired their guns as close to the big enemy sea oak as those of Truk, 1,200 miles to the northeast.

10 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT Slipper for the Home Shift Buy Christmas Seals

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