

Resumption Today Of Conferences In Railroad Dispute

FDR Says Assurance Of No Train Stoppage Good Christmas Gift

Washington, Dec. 21—(AP)—White House conferences designed to settle the railroad wage dispute—and avert a scheduled strike—were resumed today...

Navy-Made Jaw



The extent to which American surgical science can rebuild a body shattered by war is shown in Marine Pfc. John Reed of Indiana, Penn., who is now sporting a new jaw, thanks to the Navy's doctors...

Air War Upon Germany Intensified U. S. Army In Italy Gains Two Miles

Nazis Fight To Bolster Satellites

Bulgarian Bombings Severe With Growing Losses for Germans

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 21—(AP)—American Fifth Army forces have lunged forward 2 1/2 miles in a snow-storm to capture 2,600 foot Mount Spinnuccio, while U. S. 15th Air Force heavy bombers escorted by long range fighters attacked Sofia...

RAIL. UNION LEADERS CONFER WITH F. D. R.



Acting to avert or postpone the threatened "progressive" national railroad strike scheduled to start Dec. 30, President Roosevelt summoned to Washington on Sunday the five leaders of the operating brotherhoods (above) and representatives of the roads...

2,000 Tons Bombs Hit Frankfurt

U. S. and Britain Lose 90 Planes in 24 Hours Of Attack on Reich

London, Dec. 21—(AP)—Hundreds of RAF bombers gave Frankfurt its most crushing blow of the war last night, raining 2,000 long tons of incendiaries and explosives on the German chemical and armament center...

Wreck Probe Is Launched; Dead Are 72

Lumberton, Dec. 21—(AP)—The Red Cross completed today its identification of civilian dead and put the final death toll in last Thursday's train wreck at 72...

Senate Retains Nominations for Generals' Ranks

Washington, Dec. 21—(AP)—Majority Leader Barkley, Kentucky Democrat, intervened today to keep alive presidential nominations to increase the permanent rank of 14 generals...

Yelton to Enter Army at Custer

Raleigh, Dec. 21—(AP)—Congressman Yelton of the State Board of Education will leave December 26 from Fort Custer, where he will assume his duties as captain in the army military government...

N. C. Laws Adequate For Soldier Absentee Voting

Raleigh, Dec. 21—(AP)—North Carolina laws, as amended by the 1943 legislature, are "fully adequate" to afford soldiers an opportunity to vote in primaries and general elections...

Death Sentence Reprives Granted

Raleigh, Dec. 21—(AP)—Alex Harris, 46, of Hoke county, and Wayman Grainger, 31, of Columbus county Negroes, who were scheduled to die December 31 for murder have been granted ten-day reprieves...

Russian Army Advances To Point Near Vitebsk

Breakthrough Perils Whole German Sector South of Leningrad

London, Dec. 21—(AP)—The Russian Baltic army, steadily expanding its breach in the heavily-fortified German line, has plunged down the east side of the Nevel-Vitebsk railway to within 20 miles of Vitebsk...

New Chinese Victory In "Rice Bowl"

Four Jap Bases Are Taken and Enemy's Position Is Menaced

Chungking, Dec. 21—(AP)—Chinese forces have smashed forward in the central China rice bowl area, capturing the four main Japanese advance bases of Lihshien, Nanshiang, Anshung and Tsungshih...

Polish Air Force Ready To Go Alone

London, Dec. 21—(AP)—The Polish air force, third largest based in Britain, was declared almost ready today to break away from the RAF as an independent fighting organization...

Shipments Relieves Kerosene Shortage Felt at Kinston

Kinston, Dec. 21—(AP)—An acute shortage of kerosene here was relieved with the arrival today of several loads of an allotment of 26,000 barrels of the fuel from the Greensboro pipeline terminal for eastern North Carolina users...

1919 Scuttler of German Fleet Dies

London, Dec. 21—(AP)—The German DMB agency said today that Vice Admiral Ludwig von Reuter, 75, who ordered the scuttling of the German fleet in Scapa Flow in 1919, died today of heart disease...

Americans Taking All New Britain

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Dec. 21—(AP)—The American Sixth Army expanding six miles from its Cape Moresby, New Britain beachhead, has taken the Arave air strip, adding another landing field to the perches from which Allied war birds are purging the air of Japanese...

MacArthur Silent About Nomination To the Presidency

General Douglas MacArthur's communique today said the Arave field was secured Sunday, and by failing to mention any Japanese aerial activity in the southwestern New Britain sector, for the first time since the Americans stormed ashore there December 15, it underscored Allied air power in the skies...

Churchill Is Still Slowly Improving

London, Dec. 21—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill "continues to improve" in his recovery from pneumonia, No. 10 Downing street announced today.

Broughton Seeks Relaxing of Bans On Hog Rationing

Raleigh, Dec. 21—(AP)—Governor Broughton has asked Chester Bowles, administrator of the Office of Price Administration, to eliminate rationing of hog meats for 90 days to ease what the governor termed a "grave" hog-marketing situation...

Bolivia Tin Mines Are Guarded By New Regime

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 21—(AP)—Troops guarded Bolivia's tin ore mines today as nationalist junta which yesterday overthrew the government of General Pizarra announced that it was firmly entrenched and discounted rumors that a counter-revolution had begun...

3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT Buy Christmas Seals

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Warmer this afternoon.

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