

135,000 Steel Workers Are Idle

Kiev And Zhitomir Road Cut By Reds, Nazis Are Trapped



Bombed Japan

General Vatuln's Forces Are Within 20 Miles of Zhitomir

Moscow, Dec. 27—(AP)—Red army's new winter offensive across the Ukraine was reported today to have cut the Kiev-Zhitomir highway...



Senior Chaplain

Ration Effect Upon Motors Is Surprising

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau.

By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—When the General Assembly last winter had under consideration appropriations to various State departments and agencies...

Nine Killed In Traffic Accidents

Charlotte, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Nine persons died in traffic accidents in North Carolina during the Christmas week-end, and one froze to death.

Road Groups Protest Fund Distribution

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Representatives of the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission will join from those of other states in Washington on February 15 to protest a congressional move to alter the federal policy of distributing highway funds to the states.

LAND IN WAYNE SOLD TO STATE HOSPITAL

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed a bill authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to sell 87.94 acres of land in Wayne county, North Carolina, to the state hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina, for \$1,130.

European Victory To Be In '44, Says Eisenhower

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 27.—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, new commander of the main European invasion force, declared flatly and without qualification today that "we will win the European war in 1944."

Beachheads Established After Landings On Cape Gloucester

Marines Prepare for 2nd Invasion Front On Jap Stronghold

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Dec. 27.—(AP)—United States Marines swarmed ashore in two simultaneous landings at Cape Gloucester on the western tip of New Britain yesterday to establish a second invasion front on Japan's island stronghold in the southwest Pacific.

Within two hours of both landings by veterans of the Guadalcanal campaign, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today both beachheads were firmly established without the loss of a man.

One ship was lost and three damaged in the operations in addition to seven planes destroyed. The Japanese, however, lost 36 bombers and 25 fighters in desperate attempt to stem the invasion tide.

The main landing of the strategic cape was made approximately six miles east of Cape Gloucester and its airfield. At the same time, a second Marine force went ashore a few miles southwest of Gloucester.

Railroads To Petition For Rate Increase

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Interstate Commerce Commission examiners will hear a petition tomorrow of railroads operating in North Carolina that they be allowed to raise their intrastate rates from 1.65 cents a mile to the interstate rate of 2.2 a mile.

Cotton Values Are Unchanged

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened ten to 15 cent higher today. Noon values were unchanged to ten cents a bale lower.

Table with columns: Month, Prev. Close, Open. Rows: March, May, July, October (new), December (new).

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair tonight, slightly cooler in interior. Tuesday, increasing cloudiness, occasional light rains and cooler extreme west portions in afternoon. Continued mild east and central portions.

INSPECTS NAZI DEFENSE WALL



FIELD MARSHAL Von Runstedt, commanding German forces in the west, is pictured as he recently inspected Nazi fortifications against the impending Allied invasion of Europe—perhaps in the area where Allied bombers have hit Nazi rocket-gun emplacements.

Fifth Army Takes Two High Points Near Mt. Samucro

Troops Are Nearing San Vittore Village On Road to Cassino

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 27.—(AP)—American troops of the Fifth Army, attacking in driving rain captured two important high points in the Mt. Samucro mass along the stoutly defended road to Cassino and wedged in closer to the village of San Vittore.

I. C. C. Opens A. C. L. Wreck Investigation

Rocky Mount, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Three Interstate Commerce Commission representatives and officials of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad today opened an investigation of the ACL wreck which occurred near Bala on December 16 in which 72 persons lost their lives.

HE IS SORRY NOW THAT WALLET WAS FOUND

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A man, 40, who had a wallet containing \$45 and his driver's license, was arrested today for the theft of a wallet.

FDR Awaits Reply From Rail Unions

President to Meet With Officials of Unions During Day

Pittsburgh, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The number of idle steel workers passed the 135,000 mark this afternoon as headquarters of the CIO United Steel Workers and the War Labor Board maintained silence about President Roosevelt's urgent plea for a speedy settlement of a contract controversy which led to the walkouts.

Severals of war Lacy plants in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Michigan and New York, failed to open after the Christmas holidays, during which contracts between the union and 211 companies employing about 550,000 tapers.

It was understood from good sources that union officials felt they had asked no more than the President outlined yesterday in his telegram to the War Labor Board, Murray and the steel company, but that they felt the board should first go on record officially before an appeal could be made by Murray to the men now idle.

Roosevelt Returns to CAPITAL FOR MEETINGS

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Cutting short the Christmas week-end spent at his home at Hyde Park, New York, President Roosevelt returned to the White House today to try to iron out labor disputes threatening paralysis of two key war industries—steel and rail transportation.

Stocks Led By Aircraft

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Steel strength prevailed, especially for aircraft, in today's stock market. Prices began to slip after a moderately steady opening and fractional reactions predominated near the fourth hour. Dealings were slow throughout.

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