

Berlin Blasted In Biggest Raid

Railway Wage Dispute Continues As Problem

Rail Heads Named Colonels In Crisis



Here are four of the seven American railroad presidents who have been given the rank of colonels to facilitate their handling of the nation's rail systems...

Shipments Of Coal Stopped To Ease Shortage In East

Servicemen's Vote First 1944 Issue

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The November election of votes of men and women in uniform boomed ahead today as the first political issue for 1944...

FDR Probably Has Win War Platform, Against Isolation

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The consensus of political Washington today appeared to be that President Roosevelt is a candidate for a fourth term on a platform promising to win the war and then to link America's economic and military future with that of other nations...

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Partly cloudy and continued cool tonight with slightly lower temperatures in mountains tonight...

Unions Seem More Tangled Than Ever Over Major Issue

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—With the army at the throttle, the nation's railroad system was rid of a strike threat today but not of the wage controversy that provoked it...

Similar terms were reported available to the firemen, conductors and switchmen, but the chiefs of these unions feared acceptance would mean a wage freeze for the duration of the war...

U-Boat Sinks Merchant Ship In Caribbean

Miami, Fla., Dec. 30.—(AP)—An enemy submarine in Caribbean sea sank a medium-sized merchant ship with a loss of three lives in mid-December, survivors who arrived here reported...

Plans Ready For Full War On Japanese

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GIANT NAZI PLANE FLIES HEAVY ARTILLERY TO FRONT



JUST RELEASED in this country is this picture of the giant six-engine transport plane now being used by the Germans...

Reds Approach 1939 Frontier

Army's Rail Adviser



Martin W. Clement, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, has just been appointed adviser to the Army during the period that it will operate the nation's railroads...

Tag Buying Slower Than It Has Been

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—(AP)—This season of the year, as the old automobiles used to say, you may expect long lines of waiting motorists at the various places dispensing automobile license plates...

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Preparation of the plans, he said, have been underway for several months and may not wait until December 31.

Within 48 Miles of Polish Border After Capture of Korosten

Moscow, Dec. 30.—(AP)—General Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian army, spearheading a great Soviet three-front winter offensive, rolled toward Russia's 1939 frontier today across the flat, frozen steppes that contain few natural obstacles east of the Bug river in Poland...

Vatutin's troops were less than 48 miles from the rail and river town of Korosten, on the old Polish-Russian border, following their spectacular capture of the rail hub of Korosten yesterday...

With the northern army of Vatutin's forces rapidly expanding, a 24-mile breach in the Leningrad-Desna railway from Korosten south to Chernogolovka, other units were closing in on Zhitomir from the north and east and latest front positions placed vanguards beyond the town of Lutzk, five miles beyond that equally important junction on the western Ukrainian railway...

On the southern front, inside the Dniester river bend, General Rodion Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian army, in a new supporting second-in-battleline role, struck westward across the river from Zaporozhye in a nine-mile advance that completely restored the great Dniester dam to Russian hands...

Today's drive was apparently headed by Nikolai Shumilov's Sixth Guards Army, which moved north to take up the offensive...

On the Baltic front, too, the north at White Russia, General Leon Bagration's Baltic army troops continued their envelopment of Lithuania...

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The War Department announced today that First Lt. Robert S. Wilkins, William B. Wilkins, father, 4100 Anderson street, Wilson, was among 116 United States soldiers held as prisoners of war by Germany...

Nazi Capital 'Finished' By RAF Bombs

Smoke Curls Upward High as Three Miles; 20 Bombers Are Lost

London, Dec. 30.—(AP)—More than 2,210 United States tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs struck and burned the shuddering city of Berlin last night and may have finished it as the working capital of Germany...

The bombs of the mighty RAF night armada that dealt the night's heavy blow at the German capital struck the command of destruction and began to heavily and heavily bombard the city...

The estimated 100 strong force of British Lancasters and Halifaxes and other bombers fell in the early evening and showed a heavy cover of clouds draped over the target...

In the falling conditions the heaviest force of heavy bombers never sent out by the Royal Canadian Air Force...

In announcing the operations the air ministry described the attack as "very heavy" and concentrated, and said that smoke spiraled upward to 10,000 feet from the target...

Twenty bombers were lost in the raid in Mosquito attacks on western and central Germany and northern France, and in mine-laying operations...

On the left flank of their advance at Ortena, Eighth Army units seized an important hill half a mile northwest of Villa Grande, headquarters of the Germans...

The Canadian press said Canadian troops had crossed two miles beyond Ortena on a straight mountain road and advanced perhaps 10 miles to the Arbello ridge on the night of December 29...

At Ortena, Allied Headquarters, New Britain, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Japanese withdrawal from the eastern Cape Gloucester airdrome...

While Leather's units on the eastern flank of the operation, he closed the front that were holding the front under attack by a large Japanese force...

Admiral William F. Halsey's South Pacific headquarters announced successful air and sea raids on Rabaul, the enemy base at the northeastern tip of New Britain, and Kieta, air and shipping base on the east coast of Bougainville Island in the Solomons, both Monday.