

EXAMINING KEARNY SHIPYARD DAMAGED BY FIRE



Here is a view of the damaged construction ways containing a partially built cargo ship in the Kearny, N. J., yard of the Federal Shipyards and Drydock Company, after it was swept by flames burning 200 feet high. The fire of undetermined origin was being fought by fire companies from Kearny, Jersey City and Newark, as well as three Coast Guard fire boats. (International)

Nazis Are Leaving Holland' Japs Cannot Delay U.S. Moves

60 Warships Of Foe Are Sent Down

U. S. Navy Planes Hunt Down Fleeing Japs Near Leyte

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Japan's catastrophic defeat in the second battle of the Philippines reduced Nippon to eight naval "runts" incapable of seriously opposing America's China-bound offensive for months to come, high naval authorities say.

It is estimated that at least sixty warships have been sunk and many thousands of men dead. A genuine defeat has been imposed upon all Japan, not a mere tactical withdrawal, which we can take in our stride, Admiral Halsey said.

The dogged search of Halsey's carrier planes uncovered a previously damaged heavy cruiser and two other cruisers in the Manila area Saturday and hits were scored on 31 others, Admiral Nimitz disclosed in a communiqué.

The three primary search attacks during the night of offensive against Luzon island, the next stepping stone fifteen miles north of General MacArthur's main army on Samar.

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Japan Now Claims Big Navy Victory Near Philippines

(By The Associated Press.) Japan's high command claimed today that Nipponese navy planes have sunk or damaged 19 American warships, including nine aircraft carriers, in waters east of the Philippines since last Wednesday.

The communique, broadcast to the United States, and recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, asserted five American ships have been sunk, among them three carriers.

The broadcast said the Imperial Navy's special attack corps are continuing their search for and sure hit attacks on American naval forces in the Gulf of Leyte and on a task force previously reported in Lamon bay off eastern Luzon, a little more than 100 miles from Manila.

Red Troops Enter Large Hungary City

London, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Russian troops have entered into Keesketen, fourth largest Hungarian city 112 miles southeast of Budapest, in their offensive aimed at the capital, the Berlin radio said today.

However, the troops were declared driven out.

The battle between the Danube and lower Rába rivers is nearing a climax, the official German news agency DNB said. "Although superior enemy forces have succeeded in squeezing back Hungarian lines, they were nowhere able to tear up the front."

The Germans asserted that nine Russian and three Romanian divisions and a motorized corps and several tank brigades were attacking perhaps upwards of 225,000 men.

The enemy and Russians who broke into the city were expelled in a counter attack in which 25 tanks were disabled.

Keesketen is a city of 83,000 in the center of a great agricultural region.

YANKS GET READY TO RAID JAPAN



AMERICAN ENGINEERING UNITS on Leyte are rushing construction of airstrips and within a short time heavy bombers and fighter bombers will be taking off from these fields to blast enemy installations in all sections of the Philippines. Fighter planes have already landed on hastily repaired enemy airstrips and are carrying out attacks against the Japs. The approximate distances from Leyte to key targets on other islands in the group are shown in the map. (International)

Two Allied Armies Hit At Retreat

Allies Soon Will Get Use of Great Port of Antwerp

London, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Under cover of a heavy fog, which grounded Allied aircraft, the German fifteenth army in southwest Holland was fleeing across the Maas river and Hollandish Diep today in motor columns from six to twelve miles long.

Two victorious Allied armies halted the retreat as the battle of the Dutch coastal corner and the related Scheldt estuary action reached the mop-up stage. The German defeat means the Allies soon will get the use of the great Belgian port of Antwerp for the flood of supplies to speed the coming drive into the heart of Germany.

A front dispatch said it was estimated that perhaps only 10,000 Germans had been left to ferry the Canadians and British in their attempt to capture Antwerp.

All of the success, said J. S. B. Beshland now in the hands of British and Canadian troops who passed at the narrow gateway leading to the trapped enemy garrison on flooded Walcheren island. A few enemy guns remaining on Walcheren island bar the passage of Allied ships along the long water approach to Antwerp.

Continuance For Davenport Trial Asked of Court

Greenville, N. C., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Faison Thompson, of Goldsboro, counsel for Frederic Davenport, of New Bern, charged with conspiracy to defraud, and violation of the State banking laws in operation of a small loan business, asked the Pitt county Superior Court here today for postponement of the trial.

Davenport was indicted by the Pitt county grand jury on more than twelve counts of conspiracy to defraud, violation of the State banking laws, false pretense and issuing worthless checks. He was released under bond totaling \$17,500 set by Judge R. H. Parker, of Roanoke Rapids.

Later Davenport and his associates were indicted in Craven county on the same charges. Bond of \$10,000 was set for Davenport in Craven county. The others were placed under bond of \$5,000 each in Pitt and Craven.

Many Stock Leaders Lag

New York, Oct. 31.—(AP)—selectively continued to rule today's stock market, and, while favorites managed to buck on modest reactions, many leaders failed to progress.

Ahead of intervals were U. S. Steel General Motors. Occasional losers were Chrysler and Goodrich.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Fair and warmer tonight; Wednesday fair and moderately warm.

Showdown Probably Near With Japanese on Leyte

American Losses 3,221, As Against 24,000 by the Foe

4,000 Tons Bombs POUND Cologne In Raid by British

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Oct. 31.—(AP)—American infantrymen, battling a typhoon and desperate Japanese delaying tactics, drove ahead in Leyte valley today toward a possible showdown with cornered but sizable Nipponese forces.

The 24th division was ten miles from a junction with the first echelon of General MacArthur's main force on the coast with Sunday.

General MacArthur announced that Japanese casualties on Leyte and Samar total 24,000, against a total of 3,221 for the Americans—776 killed, 270 missing and 2,245 wounded.

Japanese reinforcements were landed in darkness at Ormoc on Leyte's west central coast. It is possible they were intended to outflank Nipponese forces who have succeeded in occupying.

Cavalry patrols yesterday observed a column of Japanese soldiers two miles long marching toward Carrigara, some seven miles west of American positions on the base.

Front line dispatches also reported.

Cotton Lacks Strong Trend

New York, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 cents a bale more to ten cents higher. Noon prices were five cents a bale higher to ten cents lower, December 21.63, March 21.71, May 21.72.

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May 21.72 21.73
October 21.52 21.54

Withdrawal of Stilwell May Mean Three Fronts

New Delhi, India, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The removal of General Joseph W. Stilwell as commander of the China India Burma theater, it can be reported today, resulted from a combination of strategy and diplomacy such as could arise only in the Orient.

Chungking, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Major General Albert Wedemeyer arrived in Chungking this afternoon to assume the post of commander of American forces in China, recently relinquished by General Joseph W. Stilwell on his recall to Washington.

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Withdrawal of General Joseph W. Stilwell from his triple command in Asia apparently means a clean breakup of the front against Japan into

'Winning Team' Idea Elicits Hot Retorts by Republicans

(By The Associated Press.)

Democratic cries of "don't take out the winning team" met Republican retorts today that America's year successes can't be chalked up to the Roosevelt fourth term team.

Exchanges on this victory abroad came today as Governor Thomas H. Doney traveled to Buffalo for his fifteenth speech of the contest tonight—9 p. m. NBC.

President Roosevelt showed no signs of resuming major activities, with a speech remaining beyond a radio speech expected Saturday.

Calling the list of victorious American generals and admirals, Republican Chairman Townsend said in a statement to party workers that "it isn't true that any civilians could 'beat strategy, tactics and logistics' to such extent."

R. A. Brownell declared, Mr. Roosevelt has tried to get across the idea that he personally must carry a blame, hunched every ship and

faced every enemy.

Was Mr. Roosevelt, F. Byrnes asked, in a financial speech from Washington, D. C. the President as commander-in-chief, and asked:

"Whoever found it desirable to quarrel with the chief executive of a football game when his team is only five yards from the goal line, and his opponents are demoralized?"

Byrnes asked that questioning Deputy Gov. Roosevelt should delay the end of the war.

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Allied Prisoners Total of 637,544 On Western Front

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Paris, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The official Allied bag of prisoners on the western front now totals 637,544.

By armies, the figures are: American third army, 199,413; American first army, 92,950; American seventh army, 60,916; French first army, 52,939; British second army, 83,583; Canadian first army, 32,241; American ninth army, 30,390.

In addition the 21st army group—the British second and Canadian first armies—had another 23,000 uncredited prisoners, probably captured by French troops of the interior and turned into the 21st prisoner pens.

Government Lag Delaying Construction

Pinehurst, Oct. 31.—(AP)—William M. Marshall, of Durham, president of Associated General Contractors of America, said today that the lack of a definite Federal policy is delaying planning for postwar construction.

Marshall, speaking at a two-day meeting of the Carolina branch of the AGO, which closes today, said: "Local agencies in many communities are developing well planned programs, but there is an urgent need for the Federal government to establish a definite policy."

The most critical period in the

Mr. Churchill Sees No End Until Spring

London, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told Commons today that Germany's defeat might not come before early summer and that it might take at least 18 months after Hitler's downfall to beat Japan.

Urging an undelayed extension of Britain's one-year parliament for another year, he said that, "roughly speaking, there is no likelihood of a general election for from seven to nine months from now," and warned that those who forced such a disaster would take upon themselves immense responsibility.

"It seems to me," made Churchill, "that unless all political parties resolve to maintain the present coalition until the Japanese are defeated, we must look to the termination of the war against Nazism as a pointer which will fix the day of the general election."

Marshall, M. Marshall said will come in the first six months following final victory. It means that reconstruction will be from 500,000 to 600,000 monthly, and this from four to five million war workers will be thrown on the labor market in the first year after the defeat of Germany, Marshall urged that plan be made now.

"There is also a new, unimproved definition by Congress of the field of public works after the war," Marshall said. "If wide enterprise must be known in what we do, it will be free to function, and in which fields it can expect government competition."

THE LAST STOP AS RUSSIANS ADVANCE ON NORWAY



HERE IS A VIEW of the port of Kirkenes, Finland, on the Norwegian-Finnish border that has just been captured by Russian forces advancing on Norway. The Nazis made this an important base for their submarines in an attempt to cut our supply lines running to Murmansk. King Haakon in a special broadcast announced that the Russian forces have arrived in Norway "to fight the common enemy." (International)

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