Nazis Dig Deeper Into Belgium

Churchill Hints Allied Accord Is Not 100 Percent

HAMPTON ROADS PIER LOST IN \$400,000 FIRE



CHARRED SHELLS OF FREIGHT CARS and the burned tips of piling are about all that's left in this picture of the smoking ruin of Pier No. 8 at the Hampton, Va., port of embarkation. One merchant seaman died in the fire, and eight others were rescued by Coast Guard firefighters. The money loss in goods and railroad equipment was estimated at more than \$400,000. This is a Coast Guard photo.

Stettinius Aides Are Sworn In

Bailey Kills Senate Postal Pay Measure

until next year a Hause-passed bill and the under secretary, Joseph C. authorizing portal service pay raises. Grew, was relieved of detail jobs. He told the Senate yesterday the Stettinius and Grew will work tolegislation would "break the stabi- gether as a unit-

legislation would "break the stabilization line and destroy the little steel formula."

The bill provided \$400 a year permanent pay increase to replace a \$300 bonus provided under present law.

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Weavers Idle In Cone Mill

Greenshoro, Dec. 20—(AP)—Weeving room operators at the Proximity Manufacturing Company's large plant here continued idle today in their second day of manifest protest against introduction of a new work plan in their department, and the possibility appeared that Federal intercention may be expected if there is a pro-tracted delay in the war production orders on which the mill has been engaged.

Meanwhile, Herman Cone, president of the company, said he could see no immediate prospect of a settlement of the situation. He said the management wishes to see its new work plan given a fair trial by the weavers, and the plan will not be withdrawn.

The first schedule of weavers due to begin work at 7 a. m. today remoined entirely away from the looms with exception of a few workers who entered the plant and then withdrew from the premises.

This morning the carding and spinning rooms at Proximity were operating on accumulated materials, but the management estimated that these departments would run out of work by the end of the shift at 11 o'clock tonight.

Further Changes In Department Are To Be Made Soon

WEATHER

Fair and warmer tonight; Thursday fair and mild, becoming partly cloudy and colder west portion in afternoon, with showers in mountains.

B-29s Bomb Tokyo Again; China Raided

large Japanese tanker was sunk and light acted to establish himself in this an enemy destroyer and two large country as a contact for German "Throughout this country there is an effort to break the stabilization line and destroy the little steel for-line and destroy the little steel for-line and destroy the little steel for-line and the stabilization retains a subsent from today's being attack by P-51s yesterday at Hong Kong. Major General Wedger and Those who did wish to break fullius C. Holmes, who is now in moves's headgasters announced to-like the full Ludwig moves headgasters.

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still harning from the fierce attack
Monday by Saperfortresses and P51s. He destroyed an enemy bomber
over the Hankow airfield and knocked down one of four Japanese planes
to attacked him. Thirteen Japanese
planes were destroyed by Mustangs
in the Monday raid on Hankow, and
an authors were probably destroyed.

Identified on the Atlantic coast from
submitting in June, 1942.

One indictment alleges that Krepper,
identified by the FBI as a director of
the Nazi substage school in Berlin,
and with his wife, Bertha Krepper,
ito injure, interfere with and obstruct the national defense of the

YOU CAN GET 'EM-IN GERMANY



HERE ARE SOME of those cigarets you've been trying to get. They're at the front, in Germany. And they're being handed out by a pretty girl, Pic. Leroy Zohn (left), of Lebanon, Pa., is getting a hand-out. So is Abe Swick of New York. The young lady is like Schram of New Orleans, a Red Cross worker. Red Cross photo (International Standphoto)

Cooperation To Continue, Briton Says

Won't Comment On Query of Spheres Of Influence Set

London, Dec. 20—(AP)-Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today that the three great powers were in "entire agreement about the general aims which bind our albut added that "whether there is complete agreement on every aspect of these matters is another question altogether." Opening debate on British policy

Churchill sidestepped an attempt to draw him into a discussien of widely reported statements that the great powers already had agreed upon some "spheres of influence."

"I think that is a topit that obviously I should not attempt to deal with now," replied Churchill. Pressed as to whether there

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Minister Is Accused As Nazi Spy Aid

Justice Department today announced the indictment of a former minister, Changking. Dec. 20 - (AP) - A who, the department said, had been

seven others were probably destroyed United States and to use a code and other devices to circumvent censor-

Bigger Fight Coming, Nazi Radio States

London, Dec. 20,-(AP)-The Berlin radio declared today that the German counter offensive in Belgium and Luxembourg already had paid dividends by compelling the Allies to halt attacks on other sectors, but said military security precluded full details on the Nazi drive. The broadcast quoted Adolf

Hitler's newspaper as saying: "It is certain we are only at the beginning of heavier fighting. The German people, edueated by the advances and retreats of this war, view the situation cold-bloodedly, realistically and callously, but there is joy in every one's eye. We are advancing again."

SCENE OF NAZI COUNTERATTACK



HITTING THEIR HARDEST BLOW against American troops in Európe, Nazi forces have selected a relatively inactive front between Trier and the Monschau Forest for a furious drive against Gen. Hodges' 1st Army, This "supreme assault" along a 60-mile line, shown on the map, was believed by many experts to be a desperate attempt to interfere with huge new drives for which the Allies are set and to force Allied troops from the Duren and Saarbrucken areas where the enemy has been hard hit. Carefully conserved planes, tanks, parachutists and many divisions have suddenly been put into action by the Nazi Command.

Yanks Capture Jap Town And Tighten Noose Around Foe

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Dec. 20.—(AP)—
Converging Yanks, after soizing the Japanese nendquarters town of Valencia, together with an air field, miact, drove forward north and south today in an effort to tighten a noose about the largest organized enemy force still fighting on west Leyte island.

Seizure of Valencia, about cight miles north of the strategic American-held port of Ormoc, was disclosed by General MacArthur today, and the T7th division smashed into the city, the first cavalry swing in a flanking drive and captired Lonoy six miles north of Valencia. In so doing, they call behind a strong Japanese force already pinned down by the U. S. 32nd, and

Four Red Columns Move On German Anchor Town In Czechoslovakia Area

Moscow, Dec. 20.-(AP) - Four tinually harassed by patriot bands. Moscow, Dec. 20.—(AP) — Four Red army columns were converging in heavy attacks today on the city of Kassa, anchor of the entire German defense system in the mountains of eastern Czechoslovakia.

Advanced forces already were reported within easy artillery range of the old provincial center, whose Slovak-Hungarian population before the war totaled about 84,000.

It inually harassed by patriot bands. The drive for the coveted town was a coordinated effort of two powerful Russian forces—the second and fourth Ukrainian armies. The converging columns gained as much as eight miles yesterday, battering for their way through strong German fortifications set up in the mountains.

Supreme headquarters lifted the cloak of secrecy to tell of the five to 20-mile advances up to Monday noch. The Germans were crushing into increasingly dense defenses thrown up by the first army

the war totaled about 84,000.

A communique last night announced the fall of the village of Senya, only nine miles to the south. Other Soviet columns were boring in from the southwest, southeast and east. Field dispatches reported steady progress. On the southwes the main German highway rail es-cape route was cut. Other routes

leading through the mountains of Middle Slovakia are reported con-

CHRISTM

Snavely Released From His Work At Cornell at Once

Ithaca, N. Y.Y. Dec. 20-(AP) -Corneil University's board of physical education and athletics granted Carl Snavely, coach of the big red tootball team since 1936, a release from his contract, due to expire next spring.

Dr. E. E. Day, University president, and chairman of the ath-letic board, said he had granted the release in a phone call to Snavely at Montgomery, Ala. Snavely, who stopped off at Chapel Hill Monday on his way south, is expected to conclude a conference there today, with athletics officials of the University of North Carolina on his possible

return next fall as coach of the

Infantry Is Following Tank Gains

First Army Plight Definitely Better, Front News States

Paris, Dec. 20-(AP)-Unit-Monchau, in Germany and enecked the initial impetus of the powerful German counter offensive, which bit more than twenty miles deep into Belgium. The front still was unstabilized tonight, however.

Paris, Dec. 20-(AP) -German infantry rammed in today behind swift Nazi armored columns advancing more than twenty miles into Belg.um, but United States tanks and doughbeys were holding firm in some sectors of the Nazi breakthrough channed.

One front dispatch said the first army's situation was officially termed "definitely better" last night, with hardening of the American flanks above and below the four-prolonged Nazi counter offensive. American tanks and tank destroyers hit

But today the German wildcat armered columns struck deeper into Belgium, and Nazi infantry ed States troops have recaptured was beginning to back up these fingers "In some strength," a first army front dispatch said,

counter offensive were crushed. "the war can be won right here."

Americans knocked back numer-

A deluge of flying bombs accompanied the German blows. (The German high command declared without confirmation that more than 10,000 Americans had been captured so far.)

into increasingly dense defenses thrown up by the first army.

American anti-aircraft guns halted German tanks near Stavelot yesterday, but elsewhere the armored spearheads moved ferward Stavelot and St. Vith, eleven miles to the southeast, both were in United States hands yesterday morning, a dispatch said, with heavy fighting east of St. Vith.

American antiaircraft gunners claimed more than 200 German planes shot down in three days. In fluid, confused battle, some doughboys fought on until they were overrun in their fox holes by tanks. German parachute troopers seized one American hospital, but doughboys re-won it, freeing the captives. The partial lifting of the security blackout gave the first official dis-closure of the depth and danger of the Nanzi offensive mounted with all the power of Germany's arsenalrested crack divisions, tanks, planes, V-weapons, parachute troops and amphibious vehicles.