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REDS HURL GERMANS BACK ACROSS DON RIVER

Ring of Steel Tightened On 300,000 Men

Axis Casualties Pass 118,000, With Prisoner Take Also Increasing

(By the Associated Press) Soviet dispatches today reported that red army columns striking eastward in a giant circling movement had thrown the Germans back across the Don river—toward Stalingrad—and tightened a steel noose around the invaders. Approximately 300,000 nazis were reported in immediate danger of being trapped.

The German high command acknowledged that soviet attacks before Stalingrad had been renewed with great force, but, as usual, asserted they had been repulsed. Yesterday the nazi command declared flatly that red army assaults in the same area had "collapsed."

A German communique also admitted heavy fighting was in progress in the Moscow front, where the Russians apparently have launched another big-scale offensive. Soviet attacks were centering around the big German base at Rzhev, 135 miles northwest of Moscow, and near Toropets, 240 miles northwest of the capital.

Dispatches to Red Star, the soviet army newspaper, said not a single German remained on the west bank of the Don in the flaming battle cauldron west of Stalingrad as the Russians attacked from the rear and herded them back eastward.

Front-line reports said the Russians scored new gains north-west and southwest of the Volga metropolis despite German reinforcements and a heavy snow that shrouded the frozen steppes.

Stalingrad's long-besieged garrison itself was slowly driving the nazis back toward the red bayonets thrusting in from the west, killing 700 Germans at one point and 300 at another.

Nazi Casualties Mount Axis casualties in killed and (Continued on page 6.)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

DISPATCHES of the past few days strengthen the belief that the Russians may be opening up a major new front north-west of Moscow—some 800 air-line miles from Stalingrad.

So far, the reports of these operations have come entirely from the DEFENDING Germans. The attacking Russians have remained silent. That may be significant.

When a big new push is getting under way, the attackers are apt to say very little. That has been especially true of the Russians.

FIGHTING is reported at Toropets, about 135 miles from the Latvian border. It would be easy to point out from the map that if the Russians have power enough behind this new thrust they might push clear through to Riga on the Baltic, thus relieving Leningrad, but with the little we know that could be no more than wishful thinking.

We'd better content ourselves with noting that after taking all the punishment the Germans could hand out the Russians are still strong enough to open up another section of their vast front while hitting the Germans hard at Stalingrad.

ESTIMATES of German losses (killed, wounded and captured) in the fighting west of Stalingrad rise to 250,000. The neck of the German escape corridor is reported to have been narrowed to 20 miles.

But the Germans, the dis- (Continued on page 2)

Brief Liberty for Nazi Prisoners



Pictured above are Sgt. Hans Koerber, left, pilot of the German air corps, and Edward Lorenc, both 21, two of the four war prisoners from Marshal Rommel's African army, whose liberty was brief after an escape last Tuesday night from a moving train at Altamont pass, 30 miles east of Oakland, Calif. The following morning Lorenc was recaptured as he slept in a disabled automobile. Koerber, thumbing a ride from a motorist, revealed his inability to speak English and the suspicious driver promptly drove him into the hands of a guard at a military project. Their two comrades were found feigning death beside the railway track. Lorenc said the remnant of Rommel's army, short of equipment and food, was convinced of its eventual wipe-out.

Coffee Available Again Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—(AP)—The country's coffee pots can perk up slightly Sunday. Tonight's midnight melting of a seven-day sales freeze will sweeten the bitter shortage cup just a mile for the nation's Java-swiggers.

Then—rationing sets in. From then on, each grown-up will be permitted to purchase one pound of coffee every five weeks. (The term "grown-up," as used here and hereafter, refers to persons of 15 years or older, and no chiseling—regardless of how mature the children act for their age.)

As soon as the grocer can be coaxed out of bed, coupon No. 27 in the old familiar sugar ration book becomes valid for the coffee—unless you already have more than one pound on hand, in which case you swallow the lump in your throat and the excess coffee first.

In any case, don't start the family percolator to boiling over with enthusiasm. That one pound has to last until Jan. 3, when another coupon comes of age.

Unless you belong to the Roosevelt-LaGuardia save-the-grounds-and-add-a-spoon school, that boils down to about one cup a day.

Folks have been urged not to stock up with all the family's coupons at first. It might mess up the distribution system and create temporary local shortages here and there.

Madame Chiang, China's First Lady, Visits U. S. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—(AP)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, famed first lady of China's fighting millions, is back today in America—the land of her school days.

This time it was the after-effects of an accident on one of her daring trips to the Sino-Japanese battlefield that brought the wife of China's generalissimo to the United States. When or how she arrived was not disclosed.

Fire Routs Guests of 250-Year-Old Hotel

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Nov. 28—(AP)—One hundred guests were routed in their nightclothes from the 250-year-old Hotel Packer early today when fire swept through the two upper floors of the four-story, brick and frame structure.

A score of persons fled down ladders or jumped into nets from the third and fourth floors. Others descended fire escapes, while others left by inside stairways.

Three British sailors, the only casualties, were injured. Origin of the fire was undetermined, as was the loss.

Woman Patient Slays Noted Bone Specialist

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 28—(AP)—Dr. Marion L. Klinefelter, nationally known bone specialist, was shot and killed in his office at Missouri Baptist hospital today by a woman patient.

Police said the woman fled the hospital after the shooting and escaped immediate capture.

Klinefelter was about 65.

Old Glory, French Tri-Color Now Side by Side



An aftermath of the Anglo-American move in North Africa, the American and French flags are shown flying side by side at a ceremony before a French war memorial somewhere in Algeria. A French officer and a native official stand in the foreground as U. S. troops present arms. (U. S. army signal corps photo.)

Japs Fail to Knife Through Trap at Buna

Allies Beat Back Two Counterattacks, Press Closer to Beach Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Nov. 28—(AP)—Fighting for every foot, American and Australian soldiers edged forward step by step toward Buna today after beating back two sharp counterattacks by desperately resisting Japanese pocketed around that eastern New Guinea base.

Apparently using reinforcements landed at a cost of five warships, the Japanese struck out in efforts to break the ring pinning them to a coastal area of some 40 square miles, but were thrown back with heavy losses, today's communique said.

After this diversion the allies resumed their advance, moving in the same way that they have been since the enemy took a stand ten days ago within strongly prepared positions along the 12 miles of coast between Buna and Gona.

The carefully hidden machine-gun nests and mortar emplacements of the defenders are scouted out, softened by artillery or bombs, if possible, then overwhelmed by the swift thrust of jungle fighting. Usually it is necessary to kill all the Japanese in the position.

Then the operation starts all over again on the next strong-point. The communique said allied airplanes continued to aid the ground troops all they could by repeated heavy strafing and (Continued on page 6.)

Ordnance Plant Work Halted by WPB Order

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—(AP)—The war production board today ordered immediate stoppage of all work on the \$45,000,000 expansion of the Continental Ordnance plant at Hammond, Ind., in line with its policy of curtailing the use of materials for construction projects.

Work on the project, designed to produce machine heavy castings, was started in August by the Continental Ordnance corporation of East Chicago.

WPB estimated the value of construction now in place at about \$1,000,000.

Douglas County Sales of War Savings Bonds Near \$400,000 Mark; Program at Oakland Contributes Sum of \$6,685

Douglas county's November war savings bond sales were reportedly nearing the \$400,000 mark today, nearly four times the county's monthly quota, as determined efforts were in progress to make the county's sales record the highest in the nation on a per capita basis.

A tabulation made at noon Friday accounted for sales amounting to \$379,606, while some sales were known to have been made that were not included because exact amounts could not be determined. Added to this sum was a sales record of \$5,685 at a Victory Center program last night in Oakland. A large group of Roseburg and Oakland entertainers participated in the program before an enthusiastic audience.

Mrs. Susie Burnett, chairman at Oakland, urged the local committee today, reporting the final total on bond sales resulting from the program.

The county still has until the close of banking hours Monday, Nov. 30, to add to its total and obtain credit for total November bond sales. H. O. Pargeter, county chairman, advised, A report of all sales in the county will be made after 3 p. m. Monday to the state headquarters.

Liquor Board Once More Reversed in Local Tavern Case

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly for the second time within a month reversed the state liquor control board in actions against the Chocolate Shop, a tavern operated here by Mrs. Muriel Mahaley. In a decision handed down today on an appeal from the board's action in suspending Mrs. Mahaley's license on a charge of sale of beer to a visibly intoxicated person, the court held that the commission "depended entirely upon the uncorroborated and entirely discredited testimony" of its investigator Oliver Reeves.

It was held that the investigator was accompanied by a state policeman at the time the alleged sale was witnessed, but only the investigator was called as a witness before the commission. The decision held that the liquor control commission "abused its discretion" in suspending the license.

Two hundred homes were twisted, cracked or sprung from their foundations. Sidewalks were torn up and gas and water mains snapped in several places. Water cascaded through the streets and flooded cellars.

Agents of the disaster committee of the Pittston Red Cross chapter helped to evacuate families whose homes were made uninhabitable. Other residents whose houses were less badly damaged did not leave.

The cave-in caused the earth to sink two to two-and-a-half feet.

Oregon Prison Escapee Sought in Washington

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 28—(AP)—Southwest Washington police searched today for Glenn Wilson, 17-year-old convict who escaped from the Oregon penitentiary at Salem last week.

The Clark county sheriff here received a tip last night that Wilson had visited his home, five miles west of Camas, Wash., yesterday.

Wilson escaped from the prison with his 16-year-old brother, Truman, who was captured last Saturday at LaGrande. Both were imprisoned on rape charges.

Fight Starts For Removal Of Henderson

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—(AP)—Abandoning efforts to block nationwide gasoline rationing, a growing group of congressmen launched a new fight today against Price Administrator Leon Henderson.

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But Boren and others who had joined him in the fight rallied around a new battle cry sounded yesterday in the house by the beligerent Oklahoman: "Trillions for defense, but fifteen cents for Leon Henderson is fifteen cents too much."

They referred to appropriation bills, to be considered early in the new congress, through which the office of price administration obtains its operating funds.

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Manlaughter Charge Hits Douglas Prisoner

Sheriff Cliff Thornton today announced receipt of a hold warrant from Lane county charging Murray Hill Beebe, now serving a 10-day sentence for vagrancy and non-support in the Douglas county jail, with the crime of manslaughter. The Lane county charge, Thornton stated, allegedly was made following continued investigation into the death of Beebe's father whose burned body was found in the ashes of the fire which destroyed his home at Coburg in 1938. Beebe is to be released immediately to Lane county officers, the sheriff said.

Robbery Try Jails Girl, Puts Kin in Hospital

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28—(AP)—Nineteen-year-old Mary Kieffer of Yakima, Wash., was held in city prison here today, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Betty Kieffer, was in a hospital, gravely wounded by a bullet.

Police Inspector Jerry Desmond said the two engaged in an armed robbery last night.

Mary Kieffer was booked at the jail on robbery and burglary charges. Betty Kieffer may die.

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Male's Shirt-Tail Shortened 3 Inches

NEW YORK, Nov. 28—(AP)—The American male's shirt-tail has been clipped, but he'll never feel the draft.

The war production board's order shortening the legal length of men's and boy's shirts three inches may sound a bit harsh with winter approaching—but New York manufacturers say the order merely eliminates a traditional style bugbear, borrowed from our British cousins who like to wear shirt-tails to their knees.

"The long shirt-tail never contributed noticeably to the wearer's warmth, anyway," William Quantrell, style authority and associate editor of Men's Wear magazine, said today.

"Ask an old-timer," he said, "how he used to squirm and fidget with all that excess shirting stuffed in his pants, and then ask a golf player if he'd notice that sport shirts have been three inches shorter in the tail for several years—and if they weren't more comfortable."

The WPB's order cutting frills on pajamas—no cuffs, collars and other decorations—may keep some men from going to bed looking like musical comedy princes.

Bizerte, Tunis Link Severing 1st Objective

Some French Warships Believed to Have Fled From Fleet "Suicide"

(By the Associated Press) American, British and French troops were reported springing forward in a climactic assault against the axis in Tunisia today as the allied nations still thrilled to the heroic scuttling of the French naval squadron at Toulon, France.

The British first army has left its defense positions for the big offensive," said a broadcast from allied-held Algiers.

Swiss reports said allied troops had advanced within 12 miles of Tunis, the capital, southern anchor of the axis fortified zone along the northeast coast of Tunisia.

A U. S. war department communique announced the destruction of 51 more axis planes, ground and in combat, and attacks upon an enemy armored column during operations which cost but two American aircraft. The pilots of both the wrecked machines were saved.

The naz-controlled Paris radio admitted that the allies, bolstered by reinforcements, were launching a series of violent attacks against the Tunis-Bizerte arc of defenses.

The broadcast also reported that allied troops had infiltrated into axis lines in heavy fighting at Mejez El Bab, 28 miles southwest of Tunis. Allied dispatches already have reported the capture of Mejez El Bab, an important communications hub.

Details of the new offensive were scarce, but the Berlin radio previously acknowledged that allied troops had started hammering (Continued on page 6.)

Guy Cordon Will Aid Snell in Tax Research Work

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 28—(AP)—Announcement that he had obtained services of Guy Cordon, Roseburg attorney, for special tax research work prior to the opening of the next legislative session in January was made today by Governor-elect Earl Snell.

Cordon will be loaned to the state by the Interstate Association of Public Land Counties, now employing him as legal representative, tax expert and Washington, D. C., representative, Snell said.

Cordon was elected Douglas county assessor in 1916, admitted to the bar in 1920, elected district attorney of Douglas county in 1922 and served in that office until 1926. For the past 15 years he has specialized in assessment and taxation matters with particular emphasis on Oregon and California land grant taxes and refunds.

During the first world war, Cordon saw service with the field artillery. In 1936 he served as Oregon state commander of the American Legion.

Larceny Charge Faced By Grand Hotel Clerk

William Howard Ogletree, 17, who had been employed as a night clerk at the Grand hotel, was in custody today on a charge of larceny, Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported. Ogletree, the sheriff said, is alleged to have participated in the theft of approximately \$14 from the cash drawer at the hotel.

More Ease Without Draft Hailed

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