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Red Smashes
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To Oil Region

Remnants of 22 Axis
Divisions Endeavor to
Stave Off Annihilation

(By the Associated Press)
Russia's armies quickened the flood-tide of German disaster in the Caucasus and middle Don today, engulfing at least six vital new cities and towns, and there were indications that a final drive had begun to annihilate the remnants of 22 Nazi divisions trapped before Stalingrad.

Soviet dispatches said the German army was in full retreat in the Caucasus, blowing up bridges and mining roads in a desperate attempt to delay the onrushing Soviets.

Reuters, British news agency, estimated that more than a half a million of Hitler's finest troops were in headlong withdrawal before the twin Russian offensives in the Caucasus and middle Don.

Hitler's high command acknowledged that the Red armies were pressing the initiative, declaring tersely:

"Heavy defensive fighting continued with unabated fury in the Don area."

Dispatches to Red Star, the Russian army newspaper, reported that the entire Caucasus province of Ostia, lying between Ordzhonikidze and Nalchik, had been won back under the red banner by Soviet troops driving along the west bank of the Terek river.

Red Sweep Irresistible
The Russian drive northward from recaptured Nalchik was described as sweeping ahead a wide front, overrunning a large number of towns.

For the first time, Russian headquarters reported a battle in the sector "west of Stalingrad"—a new designation—and announced:

"In fighting for a height, our troops occupied several dozen more enemy trenches. The enemy left more than 200 dead on the battlefield and prisoners and war material were captured."

It is in the Don-Volga corridor immediately west of Stalingrad that survivors of the German siege army have been locked in a steel ring for several weeks, cut off by the sweep of Russian

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Ex-President Lowell
Of Harvard U. Passes

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A. Lawrence Lowell, 86, president emeritus of Harvard university, died today at his Boston home.

He became the 24th president of the country's oldest school of higher learning in 1909 when it had an enrollment of 3,800 students and an endowment of \$22,716,000.

When he announced his resignation in the fall of 1932 there were more than 8,000 students, despite increasingly severe standards of admission, and the university's endowment, \$123,415,000, was the greatest of any in the country.

imitation marble.
Many times whites joined members of his own race in tribute. On his 40th anniversary as a member of the Tuskegee institute faculty in 1937, a bronze bust of him was unveiled on the campus, a tribute to "Forty Years of Creative Research."

A blight struck Alabama and Florida pecan trees in the 1920's. A grower turned to Carver with a plea for a cure, offering a fabulous price. The "price" to that man and to everyone else was just a three-cent postage stamp—after Dr. Carver developed the "cure."

Also Great Painter
While he was best known for his contributions to agriculture, Dr. Carver was also listed among the great artists of his age.

One of his paintings hangs in the White House. Landscapes were his choice, and his "Curtis Browns" were pointed out with pride to all who called by Tuskegee while he was there. They were made with paints developed by his young assistant—from the magnolia blossom cone, the Osage orange, banana skins and coffee grounds.

While a student at Iowa State, Carver recalled in later years there was a professor's son of whom he was very fond, a chap he used to take on field trips with him. That boy later became Vice President Henry A. Wallace.

Dr. Carver never married.

78TH CONGRESS OPENS; DEMOS' RULE PRUNED

Speakership Again Voted To Rayburn

Senate Resolution Asks
Liaison Group Between
Lawmakers, President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—By the slimmest margin in a decade, democrats kept control of the House and returned Speaker Rayburn, of Texas, to the speakership today in organizing the 78th Congress for President Roosevelt's report tomorrow on a year of war and the way to victory.

Rayburn defeated Rep. Joseph Martin (R., Mass.), who, as a result of the outcome, automatically became the minority leader. Rep. McCormack (another Bay state lawmaker, was renominated democratic floor leader at a party caucus yesterday.

The vote for speaker was: Rayburn 217; Martin 206, on strict party lines.

GOP in Greater Strength

It was the first congress in a quarter of a century to convene with the nation at war. And, as if to impress upon the new and old members the gravity of the times, a test air-raid put them on the alert an hour and a half before Vice President Henry A. Wallace banged the gavel in the Senate and Chief Clerk South Trimble rapped the representatives to order in the House.

Unlike openings of the last ten years was the large occupancy of seats by republicans.

In the House, membership consisted of 208 republicans, 222 democrats, two progressives, one farm-labor and one American-labor representative. There was one vacancy.

When the 77th congress convened two years ago there were only 166 republican House members.

The Senate had 38 republican members, more than had sat on the minority side in a decade.

The Senate's president pro tempore and oldest member, Senator

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The spotlight in Russia shifts to Velikie Luki, nearly a THOUSAND miles from Stalingrad.

The Russians announce its capture after a fight to the death in which red artillery and infantry close in and crush all resistance, adding that the German garrison refused to lay down its arms and was wiped out.

The German high command DENIES ITS FALL.

NOTE the denial. It is significant, seeming to betray a chink in the armor of German leadership.

It indicates FEAR.

Fear that the German people CAN'T TAKE too much bad news.

LET'S pursue that thought a moment.

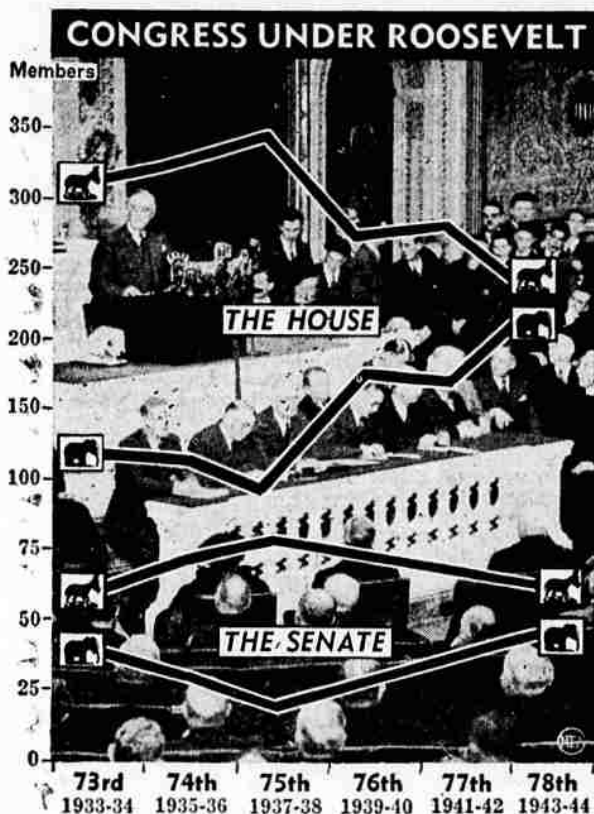
It isn't the German army itself the leaders fear—yet, the German soldiers garrisoning Velikie Luki died rather than surrender. The fear concerns the people at home, who CRACKED in 1918.

Hitler said in his New Year's day speech they WON'T crack again, thus betraying the fear in his own mind that they WILL.

That same fear must be back of the high command's denial of the fall of Velikie Luki.

ALL this you, must remember, is mere amateur psychoanalysis, and as such is hazy and intangible. But if fears of the German people IS present in the

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Republicans have gradually narrowed the margin of control held by democrats in congress during the past 10 years of the Roosevelt administration until now the elephant and the donkey are practically neck and neck in both houses. Chart shows number of democrats and republicans in past five congresses and the new 78th, which convened today.

P. G. E. Ordered to Cut Rates, Refund Excess to Patrons

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean said today that he had ordered the Portland General Electric company to reduce its rates by 6 per cent, ordering the company to give its customers all of its 1942 earnings in excess of a six per cent return.

Bean said, however, that a formal hearing probably would be held, and that the order might finally have to be taken into court. This might take some time, he said.

Last year, Bean said, the company's net earnings were more than seven per cent on its investment, while Bean's office considers six per cent a fair return. So Bean ordered that all of the profits above six per cent, or \$700,000, be placed in a reserve fund for the benefit of its customers.

This, Bean said, would justify a six per cent cut in rates and still permit the company to make a fair profit.

The company, however, denies that last year's profits were excessive, placing a higher valuation on its property than Bean's office did.

Bean said that the company, when it reduced rates in the Salem area several months ago, promised to make a substantial rate reduction over its entire system.

"They are now being asked to carry out that promised reduction," Bean said.

Fines on Two Charges Paid by C. E. Hensley

Charles Edward (Red) Hensley, who has appeals pending in the circuit court from justice court convictions on charges of drunken driving and reckless driving today paid a fine of \$25 on a charge of illegal possession of China pheasants, and a fine of \$10 on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with improper clearance lights. The fines were imposed by Justice of the Peace Thomas Hartfield, following acceptance of a plea of guilty to the two alleged law infractions.

Bullet Ends Life of Banker at Spokane

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Pleasure Driving By Motorists in East Is Halted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration today outlawed all pleasure driving by holders of "A," "B" and "C" gasoline ration cards on the Atlantic seaboard and prescribed the cancellation of gasoline ration cards as the penalty for failure to comply.

The order is effective as of noon tomorrow, January 7.

The aid of all state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies in the 17 eastern states and District of Columbia is being asked to help the federal government in preventing pleasure driving, by reporting violations to local ration boards or local OPA offices.

The presence of passenger cars at any gathering for purposes of sport or amusement will be taken as prima facie evidence that gasoline ration cards and tires are being dissipated needlessly and illegally," OPA said. "The ban on pleasure driving will also apply to driving to purely social engagements."

Simultaneously fuel oil heating ration cards of all buildings except those used for residential purposes in the east would be "cut substantially within the next 24 hours." No details were given.

The drastic prohibition on pleasure motoring was reinforced by an OPA warning that "even more serious measures" are being prepared to be ready for immediate use "if the current situation gets worse."

The action was taken at the instance of the Petroleum Administrator for war, OPA said, in a joint effort to plug every leak in the "dangerously scant supplies" of petroleum products on the eastern seaboard.

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9 Jap Ships Destroyed in Rabaul Raid

U. S. Fliers Also Blast Other Nipponese Bases; Burmese Spots Strafed

MELBOURNE, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Heavy bombers of the allied air forces under general MacArthur's command have smashed again at massed enemy shipping in Rabaul harbor, leaving eight vessels afire or sinking and destroying a ninth with a direct hit by a half-ton bomb, it was officially announced today.

Probably a tenth vessel was destroyed, an allied headquarters' communique reported on the heels of warnings that the Japanese were gathering a new war fleet in the Southwest Pacific.

In all, 50,000 tons of shipping suffered under the newest blows of the bombers which have been making Rabaul, capital of New Britain island, the objective of concentrated attacks ever since the Solomon islands campaign opened. The direct hit was on a destroyer tender. Alongside her was a destroyer which might have been damaged.

The eight other ships were merchant vessels.

One bomber was reported lost on the flight but six Japanese planes were downed among a flight of about two dozen that tried to intercept the attack.

Other Bases Also Blasted
The communique also noted new bombings of Lae, Salamaua and Madang, in northeastern New Guinea, Gasmata airdrome in southern New Britain, and on Timor island, northwest of Australia. Airdromes at Lae, Madang and on Timor were the targets.

One air force unit also pounded the Japanese ground forces

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Oregon's Income Tax Take in 1942 Sets New Record

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Oregon's income tax collections during 1942 totaled a record high mark of \$13,800,000, compared with \$8,027,000 in 1941, the previous record, State Tax Commissioner Earl E. Fisher said today.

Fisher said, however, he doubted that collections in 1943 would exceed those of last year, despite vastly increased incomes. The reason for this, he explained, is that big federal income taxes will reduce state income tax payments by at least 30 per cent. Oregon allows the federal tax to be deducted from the state tax.

The legislature, which meets next Monday, will have a surplus of more than \$4,000,000, income tax receipts exceeding appropriations by more than that amount. There is doubt, though, that this surplus can be spent, as the constitution apparently will compel that the surplus be used for reduction of property taxes.

The legislature probably will use the surplus to reduce local property taxes, as the income tax law provides that income taxes be used to reduce property taxes.

The bill, approved by the voters in November, to give school districts all income tax receipts in excess of \$7,775,000 a year, will be amended by the legislature to clarify several questions. One amendment probably will state clearly that the excess shall be used to reduce local school district property taxes, rather than give the schools additional revenue.

Also, the legislature will decide whether the measure applies to 1942 collections. If it does, then the school districts would get \$6,025,000 of last year's collections, and the legislature wouldn't have to worry about what to do with the surplus.

British Drive Foe Back in Mateur Area

North Tunisian Map-Up Also Sees Allied Planes Deal Effective Blows

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The admiralty announced tonight that a large enemy troop transport and a supply ship had been destroyed and that two other ships had been hit and probably sunk by British submarines in the Mediterranean.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 6.—(AP)—British troops, attacking 15 miles west of Mateur, have driven the enemy from strategic hills and are now mopping up in the first activity on the northern Tunisian front in some time, an official spokesman announced today.

Mateur is 20 miles southwest of the Tunisian naval base of Bizerte.

The attack was supported by RAF Hurricane bombers and fighters, and an RAF spokesman announced that during yesterday four Nazi fighters and one dive-bomber were shot down for the loss of one British plane.

Flying fortresses, U. S. four-motored bombers—raiding the enemy port of Sfax were said to have scored hits on or near a cruiser leaving the harbor and to have left the power station in flames. American medium Marauder bombers also attacked a Nazi airdrome at Kairouan, about 30 miles southwest of the east coast port of Sousse.

United States and British communiques in Cairo disclosed that Sousse itself also was hit. An American communique said U. S. bombers made the raid and unloaded all their bombs "within the target." The British, apparently referring to the same attacks, said hits were scored on docks and buildings.

There still was nothing to report from the pursuit of Marshal Rommel in Libya and the communique said there were no important air operations yesterday on the Libyan front.

Allied headquarters in North Africa announced that Lieut.-Gen. Mark W. Clark, 46-year-old hero of a secret rendezvous with French officials before the allied occupation, had been appointed

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Fire, Blast Kill Six, Injure 100

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Six persons were killed and more than 100 injured in a fire and explosion in a bowling alley on the far south side shortly before last midnight. Many of the 200 patrons who escaped to the street were blown through doors by the force of the blast.

Fire Marshal Anthony Mulvaney estimated the damage at \$150,000. The fire was at 9354 South Ashland avenue, in the Gresham district.

At the hospital where 35 victims were taken for treatment, 27 were held all night with at least seven reported in a critical condition.

Scores of injured, most of them with burns on the face, neck and hands, were treated at nearby first aid stations.

The nearly new, one story structure was built and equipped at an estimated cost of \$250,000 by a syndicate of which Ray Schalk, former Chicago White Sox catching star, was a member. Schalk, however, disposed of his interest more than a year ago.

The fire started as the Good-fellowship league was nearing the end of the night's activities and at least 18 of the 20 alleys were in action.

Will Be Guest of Camp Fire Girls



Miss Eldora DeMott, above, associate field secretary of Camp Fire Girls, Inc., will arrive in Roseburg Thursday and that evening will be guest of honor at a six-thirty o'clock dinner at the Hotel Umpqua, to be attended by members of the Roseburg Camp Fire council and guardians. Miss DeMott, who has charge of the territory for the association for Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, is well known in this city, having visited here frequently.

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Slave-Born Dr. George W. Carver, Noted Negro Agricultural Wizard, Passes

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Dr. George Washington Carver, a son of negro slaves, died at his home at Tuskegee Institute last night, leaving his mark on the south's agricultural economy.

Despite his humble beginning, he became one of the nation's greatest scientists in the field of agricultural chemistry, discovering countless uses for native-grown products and developing them for commercial utilization.

Dr. Carver never knew the date of his birth on a farm at Diamond Grove, Mo., but he believed it to be about 1864. His father died when Carver was a baby. Carver and his mother were stolen and taken to Arkansas.

The boy was ransomed for a race horse valued at \$300. His mother disappeared. Carver's mother recognized the boy's intelligence and permitted him to enter school. After a long struggle, he won a master of science degree in agriculture at Iowa State A. & M. College in 1896.

Becomes Plant Wizard
Two years later, Dr. Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute, invited Carver to direct agricultural work at that school. There was little equipment for Carver to use and only 19 acres of some of the poorest farm land in Alabama.

He accepted the challenge and

Crop Goals For Douglas In 1943 Fixed

Conference in Roseburg Emphasizes Milk, Meat In List of Increases

Farm production for 1943 will exceed 1942 in all departments except wheat and seed crops. If minimum goals established at a meeting in Roseburg Tuesday are realized, J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent, reported today. Quotas were raised on all crops, with particular emphasis on milk production, and the raising of poultry for meat purposes. Increases were approved for all livestock production except sheep and lambs as well as upon all grain and vegetable crops, except wheat and seed crops.

The quotas were established in joint conference by members of the county war board, chairmen of the community planning committees and county A. A. A. committeemen. Leo Sparks of Oakland, chairman of the county USDA board, presided. Also present, in addition to the county agricultural agent, were C. R. Tully, member of the Oregon State USDA board; Clyde L. Kiddle, AAA crop insurance assistant, and J. R. Beck, Oregon State college extension service representative. More than 40 persons were in attendance at the meeting, held at the Knights of Pythias lodge hall.

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