

ALLIES ON VICTORY ROAD, ROOSEVELT SAYS

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RUSSIAN NEAR ROSTOV, NAZI KEY BASE

21 More Cities Taken Reds Smash Through Foe's Lines On Both Sides of Lower Don

Allied Forces Suffer Setback in Tunisia as Nazis Recapture Heights West of Mateur; American Group Of Paratroopers Meets Disaster in Special Task

(By the Associated Press)

Soviet quarters reported today that Russian troops had advanced within 75 miles of the great German base at Rostov, pivot for all Nazi operations in the Caucasus, and ripped through German lines on a 20-mile front along both sides of the lower Don river.

Front-line reports said Russian troops sweeping westward along the Don had pushed forward 50 miles since capturing the Don bridgehead at Tsimlyansk two days ago.

Soviet dispatches said the triumphant red armies of the south had captured at least 21 more cities and towns and listed 339,150 axis soldiers killed or taken prisoner since the start of the Russian winter offensive November 19.

Adolf Hitler's high command, still giving the German people no hint of the disastrous turn of events, asserted flatly that Nazi infantry and tanks "repulsed all soviet attacks in continued fighting in the Don and Kalmyk sectors."

Allies Repulsed in Tunisia

Overshadowed by the magnitude of the German setback in Russia, were land clashes in the battle for Tunisia.

Reuters, the British news agency, reported from allied headquarters in North Africa that the Germans had recaptured hill positions on both sides of an important crossroads west of Mateur, 20 miles below the big axis-held naval base at Bizerte.

The heights, 15 miles west of Mateur, had been captured Tuesday in a dawn assault by a British infantry brigade and commando troops. One report said U. S. rangers also engaged in the attack.

"German counterattacks yesterday morning took the topmost heights away from the allied defenders," said a CBS correspondent.

"Fighting went on all day, but by last night the position was decided to be untenable and the commandos and rangers went back to the positions from which they had started."

U. S. Paratroopers Slain
The German high command, evidently referring to the same action, said counterattacking axis forces had thrown the allies back "beyond their former positions."

A Nazi broadcast, heard in London.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Russians retake Mzodok, the western edge of the Grozny oil field.

Henry Cassidy, AP correspondent at Moscow, says Mzodok is regarded as a major victory, ranking with Stalingrad and Velle Luki.

Prokhladnenski, about 60 miles west of Mzodok, is probably the next Russian objective in this area.

A LITTLE explanation is necessary here.

At Prokhladnenski, the main trunk Rostov-Baku railroad divides, as the Shasta route of the Southern Pacific divides at Black Butte, below Weed, and finally comes back together at Eugene. One fork follows down the Terek river through Mzodok. The other turns southward, following up a sharp bend of the Terek, and passes through the town of Grozny. They come together at Gudermes, about 40 miles east of Grozny.

The bulk of the oil field, as well as the pipe line from the Caspian to Rostov, lies in the area enclosed by these rail lines.

In their drive on the Grozny field the Germans followed

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Noted Figure in Field of Surgery Taken by Death



CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Dr. George Crile, 78, renowned surgeon-scientist, died today of a heart ailment at the Cleveland clinic.

Recognized internationally for his surgical skill, Dr. Crile was known to scientists primarily for his more than 50 years of research work on the nature of life and the loss of energy that attended death.

Unfolded from these researches were important new surgical methods and theories—the "blocking" of nerves by local anesthesia to prevent surgical shock; the direct transfusion of blood; theories that man and animal are driven by radiant and electrical energy, the first derived from the sun and the latter generated by cells; adrenalin injections to raise blood pressure and revive patients, and his method of gut surgery.

Tavern Keeper Freed of Illegal Sale Charge

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP)—A circuit court jury yesterday acquitted Cecil Wright, Newsberg, first of 14 Yamhill county tavern operators scheduled to be tried on charges of selling liquor to a minor.

The jury deliberated only 35 minutes after Circuit Judge Walker earlier denied a defense motion of a directed verdict of dismissal on grounds of entrapment. The 14 were indicted by the grand jury after a 16-year-old girl charged they had sold her beer.

By Charles V. Stanton
Richard (Dick) Willett, owner-manager of the Douglas County creamery, today celebrated his 81st birthday by his customary practice of turning out the work that might be expected from two or more younger men. After more than 60 years in the creamery business, Willett, in these days of short hours and high wages, still sticks to the old-fashioned method of from 16 to 16 hours of hard work every day and the passing of years has failed to slow either his pace or efficiency.

Born at Manchester, Lancashire, England, Jan. 7, 1862, Willett, from a salary of \$5 a week, while employed as a paint mixer for a railroad company, saved a few pennies from his meager pay each week until he had accumulated \$20, which paid his steership fare to the United States. The move improved his financial condition, as he immediately found a job at \$8 per week in a cheese factory in Sheboygan county, Wis. After 10 years in Wisconsin and Minnesota as a butter and cheese maker, he went to St. Anthony college, near Minneapolis, where he added expert knowledge to an already proficient practical experience.

42 Years in Roseburg
Coming to the Pacific coast in 1901, he settled first in Eugene, but after a few months there moved to Roseburg to manage a creamery then owned by Clyde Gaddis. Within a few years, in association with the late George Chandler, he purchased the business and it was moved into a wooden structure at Jackson and Douglas streets. The interests of Mr. Chandler later were purchased by Horace Berg, and the present concrete building was erected around the wooden structure without any work stoppage, the wooden building then being removed.

Mr. Willett a number of months ago purchased the interest of Mr. Berg and is now the sole owner and manager of the business, which during the 40 years of his management has expanded from a small, struggling, "horse and buggy" enterprise into a modern factory serving a very large territory.

The achievement was accomplished through efficiency in production as shown by the fact that throughout the years of the existence of Douglas County creamery it has won highest national honors in state, district and national butter-making competition.

Coal Strike Trails Cut in Oil Rations

Miners Quit Over Hoist In Dues; Demands of Rail Unions Given Hearing

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Jan. 7.—(AP)—An outflow strike in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields created a shortage of hard coal today, even as the eastern seaboard felt the pinch of newly tightened rationing of fuel oil.

Outgoing shipments were curtailed sharply and deliveries to domestic consumers here in the heart of the anthracite region were limited to one ton.

Meanwhile, three local unions of the United Mine Workers of America disregarding leaders' pleas that they return to work immediately, voted to remain on strike.

The shortage was reported after the OPA slashed fuel oil rations by 25 per cent for all non-residential buildings in 17 eastern states. Anthracite is used primarily in homes, but thousands of households have converted from oil to coal in accordance with government demands.

The OPA, acting to increase production, also granted an increase of 50 cents a ton or about 5 per cent, in hard coal ceiling prices yesterday to enable operators to meet higher production costs. The increase was part of a government-sponsored plan to boost the mine work week from 35 hours to six days.

The strike, which started December 30 in one colliery and spread to nine others, was primarily in protest against a 50 cents a month increase in union dues voted at a UMW convention in Cincinnati last October, union

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Horse Meat Sale in N. Y. Forbidden by LaGuardia

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(AP)—It's degrading to eat horse meat, says Mayor La Guardia. "Whatever you do, whether I am here or not, don't you ever permit horse meat to be sold in New York City," he told the city council yesterday. "Wherever it is sold you will find degradation."

Dick Willett, 81 Years Young Today, Celebrates by Working as Usual in His Douglas County Creamery

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Speaker Pledges Battle Against Bureau Control



Reelected speaker of the house when the 78th congress convened yesterday—his 61st birthday—Sam Rayburn, above, of Texas, set the keynote by declaring that "the vandalism of Rome, Tokyo and Berlin must be wiped from the world forever" and succeeded by a lasting peace by means of steps "that will be world-shaking in their reaction." At the caucus preceding the congress opening, Rayburn pledged his fellow democrats that he would take the lead toward a new role of lawmakers' independence, interpreted to mean a revolt against bureaucratic government.

Buzz Wagner's Body, Ruined Plane Found in Florida

ELGIN FIELD, Fla., Jan. 7.—(AP)—A farmer looking for his cows in an isolated Florida pasture ended the five-week search for Lieut. Col. Boyd D. (Buzz) Wagner, destroyer of an untold number of Japanese warplanes and one of America's first aces of world war II.

The crushed body of the flier, missing since Nov. 29, was found yesterday, in the wreckage of his pursuit plane 25 miles east of here.

The craft was demolished and partly buried, indicating that it plunged into the ground out of control, probably from a steep spin, said a statement authorized by Brig. Gen. Gardner, Elgin commandant.

The 26-year-old airman—youngest lieutenant colonel in the army—looked off from Elgin Field, Nov. 29 for a routine flight to Maxwell Field, Ala., and Nashville, Tenn. Brig. Gen. Gardner said he apparently ran into bad weather north of here.

Col. Wagner, holder of the distinguished service cross for "extraordinary heroism," dealt more in action than in words. He would never discuss his personal achievements, but comrades said he destroyed between 15 and 50 Japanese planes in the early weeks of the war.

The accounts of his feats are almost legend. There was the time when "Buzz" and a squadron dove on a Japanese landing party at Vigan. His companions were all shot down, but "Buzz" made five separate attacks, returning each time for more ammunition and fuel.

Milk Now Leads Rum as British Navy's Favorite

LONDON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The modern royal navy is turning more and more from rum to milk. The navy reported today that only 40 per cent of its sailors now take their rum ration, compared with 65 per cent in 1924, 88 per cent in 1913 and 91 per cent in 1850.

It said 24,000,000 cans of condensed milk were supplied to the fleet in recent months.

Sanananda Is New Goal of Allied Drive

Patrols Maneuvering in Swamp Preparatory to Blow at Japanese Base

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Allied and Japanese patrols were probing in swamp mud today for weak spots in the opposite lines as the allies regrouped their land forces for an attack on the enemy stronghold at Sanananda.

American troops pushed back one Japanese patrol in the vicinity of Tarakena, a village midway between the recently won Buna station and Sanananda Point.

The same area was the target for a sustained artillery barrage with an Australian pilot spotting the objectives for the gunners.

Along the Soputa-Sanananda track itself—which actually is an automobile road—both sides were dug in and making stabs to test the other's defenses.

The bombardments and strafing of the Sanananda Point area for its third successive day while the enemy base at Lae, further up the New Guinea coast, again was hit by United States bombers.

Farmer Gets Boots by Turning Bridge Builder

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP)—An Oregon farmer, faced with the daily chore of crossing a river to get to his horses, asked his rationing board for a pair of rubber boots.

This, said James M. Mount, state OPA rationing official, is what occurred after his request.

The rationing board said no, that he did not qualify for boots under the regulations. The board suggested he build a bridge and he wouldn't need the boots.

That the farmer did. But when it was only partially finished he informed his rationing board that he needed some boots to complete the job.

The board ruled that as a bridge builder he qualified. They granted him the boots.

Axis Will Be Shattered By Air Armadas, Congress Told In Message From President

Bombs on Japan to Emphasize Superior American Production; Lawmakers Urged to Quit Bickering Over Economic Issues, Strive for National Unity

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a victory-planned congress today the cause of united nations was moving forward at last in Europe, Asia and Africa, backed by a "miracle of production" in the United States, and said 1943 carried the promise of a "very substantial advance along the roads that lead to Berlin and Rome and Tokyo."

Delivering his annual message to the legislators in person in the house chamber, he called on them to put aside bickering over economic measures, and to strive to contribute to national unity.

Ellsworth For War Task Vigor, Curb on Expenses

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Vigorous prosecution of the war coupled with elimination of unnecessary non-war expenditures form two of the foundation posts for his program, Harris Ellsworth, new Oregon congressman from the state's fourth district, said today.

Ellsworth said he also would bid for government development of the mineral and forest resources in his district to aid the war effort now and post-war reconstruction.

"I am anxious to see congress take back all of the legislative functions it has delegated to the executive branch of the government," he said. "If the bureau do not stay within the letter of the law creating them, congress should slap their ears back."

Lowell Stockman, six-foot-six smiling rancher from eastern Oregon, also said he stood for concentration on the war effort and elimination of as much non-war spending as possible.

He asks curtailment of federal bureaucracy which, he contends, is retarding the war effort.

"Many of the non-war expenditures," Stockman said, "are silly and ridiculous and should be eliminated."

He said he was particularly interested in farming and farm policies.

Liquor Ban Hits 14 S. F. Spots for Sale to Girls

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Fourteen San Francisco hotels, clubs and bars, including the St. Francis, Mark Hopkins and Sir Francis Drake hotels and Joe DiMaggio's restaurant, will sell no liquor next week from Monday through Friday.

The state board of equalization yesterday ordered a five-day suspension of their liquor licenses after hearing the report of a board referee on testimony of two girls, 12 and 14 years, that they were served liquor in the establishments.

George Reilly, San Francisco board member, assailed a San Francisco county grand jury which also heard the girls' testimony for not having "the courage to indict those guilty of contributing to the delinquency of the minors." The jury several months ago issued a report naming the 14 establishments but returned no indictments.

The board referee had recommended 15 day suspensions.

"By far the largest and most important developments in the whole strategic picture of 1942," Mr. Roosevelt asserted, "were the events on the long front in Russia: First, the implacable defense of Stalingrad; and second, the offensives by the Russian armies at various points which started in the latter part of November and which still roll on with great force and effectiveness."

The capital was the scene of unusual precautions taken to safeguard the chief executive.

Hours before his arrival time police, secret service men and regular army personnel threw a cordon around the hill.

Steel-helmeted soldiers, bayonets affixed to Garand rifles, stood at attention all around the capitol and in its plaza.

Special capitol police, their numbers augmented by metropolitan police, were on guard at all entrances and were stationed throughout the capitol. No one was permitted to enter the building without a special pass or identification. Admission to the house galleries was by special card only.

Will Force Japs To Fight
Mr. Roosevelt told the lawmakers that the period of "our defensive attrition in the Pacific," was passing, adding:

"Now our aim is to force the Japanese to fight. Last year, we stopped them. This year, we intend to advance."

In the African theater, he predicted the last vestige of axis powers would be driven from the south shores of the Mediterranean.

"I do not prophesy when this war will end," the chief executive said. But I do believe that this year of 1943 will give to the united nations a very substantial advance along the roads that lead to Berlin, and Rome and Tokyo.

"I tell you it is within the realm of possibility that this 78th congress may have the historic privilege of helping greatly to

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Gasoline Ban Halts Florida Horse Racing

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Fifteen hundred thoroughbreds were stranded here today by the closing of the Miami race tracks, leaving owners and trainers in a quandary about what to do with animals that go right on eating even though there are no more purses to win.

The Florida racing season folded yesterday after the OPA announced a ban on all automobile pleasure driving.

Tropical park called off its meeting after 15 days of operations, and Hialeah park decided not to attempt a season in the face of the drastic gasoline curb.

Wounded Nazis Strafed by Their Comrades



(NEA Telephoto)

Germans in Tunisia fired on their own wounded who were prisoners in this Red Cross ambulance being driven to the rear of American lines. Although the Red Cross on the side of the ambulance was clearly visible, the vehicle was strafed by a Nazi plane, the driver was killed and wounded Germans were hit. Maj. William Yarborough, of Seattle, Wash., liaison officer to the French with U. S. forces, stands with rifle at right as Nazi prisoners remove a comrade from the ambulance, whose driver, dead, lies by the doors he tried to open when the attack came.