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San Vittore Won by Yankees After Bloody 40-Hour Fight; Reds Knife Deeper Into Foe

Defenses Of Cassino Now Under Attack

Allied Planes Hammer Airfields, Rail Yards In Italy and Yugoslavia

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Victorious American troops massed around captured San Vittore today forming a spearhead which stormed at the outer defenses of Cassino, 70 straight-line miles from Rome. The fall of the fiercely-defended little mountain village of San Vittore along the via Cassilina was disclosed yesterday by Associated Press Correspondent Don Whitehead. His dispatch from the front said that San Vittore had been seized Thursday after a violent 40-hour battle from house to house. The village is six miles from Cassino.

The capture was confirmed today in the headquarters communiqué, which said that the Fifth army had advanced all along a ten-mile front in the jagged hills on both sides of the road.

Even before this official announcement of the taking of San Vittore, the Americans had smashed on in the direction of Cassino and were fighting in the streets of Giusto, a tiny village more than half a mile to the north.

Air Force Deals Blows

Across the Peninsula, the Eighth army engaged in strong patrol activity, today's communiqué said, while allied bombers pounded the airfield at Perugia in Central Italy, blasted an aircraft factory at Maribor in Northern Yugoslavia, struck at the railway

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE shooting war situation remains unchanged as this is written.

On the Polish border west of Kiev, von Manstein (nazi commander in that area) has retreated into the great Pripiet marshes and appears to have reorganized his defense. German resistance there is reported to be much stiffer.

The Russians seem to be devoting the bulk of their effort to their drive to the southeast, toward the Odessa railroad and the Rumanian border. Reports put them about 50 miles from the railroad, which at this point is about 50 miles from Rumania.

TRAPPING whatever Germans remain in southern Russia is the main objective of this drive, but don't forget that the NOW uneasy Balkans (especially Rumania and Bulgaria) will be MUCH UNEASIER when the Russian armies reach the Dniester (Rumanian boundary).

ON the west (Americans and British) go on wrecking German cities from the air. Stettin, on an arm of the Baltic 100 miles northeast of Berlin, got it Wednesday night. Berlin was raided by swift Mosquito bombers as a side issue.

An idea of the scope of our air war on the west may be gained from the fact that the Stettin attack was the THIRD in the five days then elapsed in January.

IT'S just possible that our (U. S. and British) job is to go on wrecking Germany from the air

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Rumanians Flee From Frontier Area As Reds Approach; Hungary Refuses Refuge to Nazis and Croat Puppets

BERN, Switzerland, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Rumania has begun a hasty dismantling of factories in the frontier towns of Cernauti, Chisinau and other places in the northern province of Bucovina and the eastern province of Bessarabia, a Budapest dispatch to the Basler Nachrichten said today.

Increasingly threatened by soviet advances which are within about 50 miles of the old Rumanian frontier, the Rumanian government has ordered the machinery of as many factories as possible to be moved to the interior behind mountains, the dispatch said.

The evacuation measures extended throughout Bessarabia and Bucovina with peasant carts loaded high with goods, blocking the roads in flight into the interior. The peasants were said to be driving long columns of cattle be-

fore them. Civilians have been forbidden the use of the railways. Wealthy Rumanians abroad were said to be convinced that the Russian advance means the end of their fortunes, but their fears were as nothing compared to those still in Rumania where there was panic selling of real estate.

Meanwhile Hungarian frontier guards were said by the Basler Nachrichten to have refused entry to 1,600 Ustachis (Croat puppet troops) and about 100 German militarized elite guards fleeing from Yugoslav partisans and attempting to escape across the frontier from Yugoslavia.

The Bulgarians presumably count on their old friend Russia to be kind and forgiving in post-war deals, but on the basis of information available here Rumanians are frankly worried as the Red army speeds toward the frontier.

Hood River PUD Proposal Turned Down by 313 Votes

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—An 865-to-552 defeat at the polls in the Hood River People's utility district turned public power advocates today to other districts in their plan to get control of three private utilities serving a large part of Oregon and Washington.

They predicted the Wasco County PUD or an association of Oregon and Washington PUD's would be the scene of the next campaign to put over the most ambitious public power proposal yet advanced in the Pacific northwest.

Up for approval would be a plan similar to that defeated in the rural Hood River district yesterday—a proposal to issue \$175,000 in bonds to finance purchase of the Pacific Power and Light company, Northwestern Electric and Portland General Electric.

Despite snow and ice, the bitterly-contested election drew a record vote in Hood River valley. The PUD contains only about 2000 registered voters as the city of Hood River voted itself out four years ago and Cascade Locks has its own power system.

Under guidance of Guy C. Myers, New York fiscal agent, and Robert W. Beck, engineer, Hood River PUD directors called for a special election two months ago. The plan was to turn over segments of the big companies to PUD's in Washington and to others yet to be formed.

End of Foundry Strike Is Expected Monday

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Possibility that full production in northwest foundries would be reached by Monday loomed brighter today following votes last night by Tacoma and Portland members of the AFL-International Moulders and Foundry Workers union to remain on the job an day decision of the Everett local to return to work not later than Monday.

Seattle union leaders passed a similar back to work resolution night before last.

The men started leaving the job Thursday in protest over a regional War Labor board wage increase recommendation, which was said to have called for a 2 1/2 to 5 cent hourly increase for unskilled workers only. No increase was granted journey-men.

Garrison at Kirovograd Seen Doomed

Russian Tank Assault Said Creating Panic in Rear of German Forces

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Kirovograd, industrial and rail center of the Dnieper bend, has been captured by the Russian army, Marshal Stalin announced today.

MOSCOW, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Troops of the First and Second Ukrainian armies poured through great gaps in the German lines in swift advances today and units which had surrounded Kirovograd smashed to within three miles of the city in one place in the Dnieper bend country, as the red army's winter offensive continued on the upsurge.

Advance units of the force which captured Klesow, at the northern tip of the great drive, were plunging deeper into Rovno province (eastern part of old Poland) and reached a point within 12 miles of Sarny.

Farther south from encircled Kirovograd, stronghold for the German forces in the Dnieper bend, some soviet forces lunged forward to within 18 miles of Dolinovka, western railway junction which feeds Kirovograd.

Troops of Gens. Vatutin and Konev, which have joined south of Kiev, meanwhile were within striking distance of Kanev, 64 miles southeast of the Ukrainian capital.

(The British Broadcasting company said Kirovograd's outer defenses already were under shell

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Two Infants Die in Home Fire as Mother Shops

PUYALLUP, Wash., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Two baby sons of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Heinrichs were burned fatally last night when a defective chimney caused a fire in their home while the mother was shopping across the street.

William Jerry, 2, died in the flames and his 9-month-old brother, Gerald Edward, succumbed three hours later in a Tacoma hospital.

A third brother, Jerome, 3, received only minor burns before he raced to warn his mother, Mrs. Heinrichs was treated for shock and facial burns received when she entered the home in an effort to rescue the children.

Constitution Doesn't Bar Poverty or Profit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The constitution doesn't guarantee that a man won't go broke, or that he won't pile the greenbacks up to here.

During an argument on OPA authority before the supreme court, attorneys for two Boston meat dealers complained that price ceilings had put some dealers out of business, and prevented others from making a profit.

Solicitor General Charles Fahy observed: "There is no constitutional guarantee against bankruptcy."

He added that neither does the constitution guarantee the right to make a profit.

Strike of Philadelphia Employees Continues

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Three thousand striking public works employees remained idle a third day today, their representatives having voted unanimously to spurn the advice of union leaders and to "keep the men out until we get our 10 cents an hour increase."

Allies Blast Troop-Laden Nippon Barges

Daily Attacks on Rabaul Continue; Navy Ready For Foe, Knox Declares

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Jan. 8.—(AP)—At Rabaul's Blanche bay, so hush it could accommodate battleships and ocean liners, two barges loaded with Japanese troops have been sunk by allied fighter planes from the Solomon Islands.

This humiliating blow, announced today by Gen. MacArthur's headquarters, is in sharp contrast with reports of last October when the enemy's New Britain stronghold merited the attention of big bombers which had such choice targets as cruisers and big cargo vessels.

The barge sinkings are estimated to have cost the enemy 100 dead and wounded soldiers.

Rabaul is being visited daily by the Solomon fighters which tangle with enemy interceptors and go after targets of opportunity as they circle the volcano-ringed harbor.

Allied planes destroyed or damaged 30 along the coast of New Britain and northeastern New Guinea, headquarters reported today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Don't get any ideas about the Japanese fleet being afraid to fight, says Navy Secretary Knox, just because they haven't stuck necks out of Tokyo harbor or wherever they may be hiding.

He probably, he told a press

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Universal Service For U. S. Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The army and navy journal said today it expects President Roosevelt to recommend to congress next week legislation instituting universal service.

Contending that the only way for this country to counter German propaganda that strikes are evidence of war-weariness in the United States is "prompt institution of universal service," the journal added:

"And we shall rely upon congress to enact it without delay."

The unofficial service publication said editorially that General George C. Marshall "spoke from an angered heart when during a special press conference called on last Friday (December 31) he is reported to have said that the railroad and steel strike threats were a great tragedy and the damndest crime ever committed against America."

Marshall, the journal said, had received "comprehensive reports of our intelligence officers and those of our allies" that the axis was using the rail and steel strike in propaganda directed to the peoples of Germany and the satellite countries.

Highlights of CIO Convention Refer To Wartime Service, Health, Politics

By C. A. BRAND
(News-Review Convention Reporter)

The delegates to the 1944 CIO convention had been gathering for some time in the convention hall at Roseburg Friday before the first session was called to order, and one could not help contrasting the quiet and serious atmosphere of this group with the hilarious and rather irresponsible appearance of some other conventions that might be named. These men were full-grown, earnest, experienced citizens who had learned a lot about labor and its problems by years of labor and who had come to honestly try to clear away some of the clouds that darken the sky now and lead the way to brighter days in the future—brighter for labor, and that means for all.

Two hundred accredited delegates were present—and when we say accredited we mean accredited. The name of every man of them was read to the convention with the names of others of his

group if any. And after each group the president asked, "Are there any objections?" (a pause) "If not—approved." Only bona fide members may vote on the important matters to be handled by this convention.

Achievements Cited.

The joint report of President Ernest Baker and Secretary Stanley Earl was one of the outstanding features of the day, and while it will be taken up for discussion of its recommendations at a later session, a few of its points may well be mentioned.

The report makes plain "the main activity of the state council" is "in the field of legislation and political action," and urges that adequate financial preparation be made for it. It urges that all support possible be given the OPA and speaks of the valuable work of the Labor Advisory commission cooperating with the OPA. The report also speaks with justifiable pride of the fact that CIO's 5,000,000 members in this country have raised \$22,000,000 for war relief,

Wife of Former President Hoover Claimed by Death



Mrs. Herbert Hoover.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Herbert Hoover, America's "first lady" from 1929 to 1933, is dead.

With former President Hoover at her side, she died unexpectedly at their Waldorf towers apartment last night, shortly after she was stricken with an acute heart attack.

Mrs. Hoover, who was 68, had just returned from a concert and appeared in good health. Then the stroke came, just as her husband was telling her goodbye preparatory to leaving for a dinner.

Notification of her death was sent immediately to her two sons, Allan Hoover, a California rancher, and Herbert Hoover, Jr., a radio engineer.

Mrs. Hoover was the former Lou Henry, daughter of Charles D. Henry, a Waterloo, Iowa, banker.

Both she and her husband were born and reared in Iowa, but their first meeting and courtship were on the Stanford campus in California. After their marriage they traveled the globe, living in Tientsin, Mandalay, Tokyo, St. Petersburg and London.

Mrs. Hoover wore no jewels and used no cosmetics. Her shoes were low heeled. Her morning clothes were simply tailored. As head and later honorary leader of the Girl Scouts, she was respected as an ideal prototype as well as for her personal, affectionate service.

W. K. Vanderbilt, Ex-Head Of N. Y. Central Ry., Dies

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—William Kissam Vanderbilt, 65, former president of the New York Central railroad and one of the nation's foremost yachtsmen, died today of a heart ailment.

He was one of the wealthiest men in the United States and a great grandson of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, founder of both the railroad and the Vanderbilt family fortune.

With his brother Harold he was a residuary legatee in the \$56,000,000 estate left by his father, also named William Kissam Vanderbilt.

In the First World War he served as lieutenant commander in the navy aboard one of his own vessels.

No-Strike Vow Cancellation Asked of CIO

Other Resolutions Deal With Pensions, Taxes, Urge Holman's Ouster

Rapidly disposing of preliminaries, the sixth annual convention of the C. I. O., Oregon Industrial Union council, meeting in Roseburg, was preparing this afternoon to attack the nearly two-score resolutions which have been placed before the committee.

Committee recommendations were scheduled for a late hour this afternoon, with debates and votes on the measures set for tonight and Sunday.

A proposal that the C. I. O. cancel its no-strike pledge, unless pledges of price roll-back and subsidies are fulfilled, is expected to be one of the most hotly debated resolutions.

The convention is expected to go on record with a recommendation that Philip Murray, national president of the C. I. O., be appointed as a representative of labor at the international peace conference.

Senator Holman Target. A resolution critical of the congressional record of Senator Rufus Holman and urging that he be replaced by a man who will "place the safety and welfare of the people above the interests of a privileged few," was before the resolutions committee.

Other resolutions offer programs for combating anti-labor propaganda, securing peace between discordant labor groups, supporting old-age pensions, endorsing the national C. I. O. legislative program, and demanding tax exemptions for disabled industrial workers.

The convention today heard talks by Stanley Duffin, Salt Lake City, representing Allied War Relief and Father Thomas Tobin, Portland, of the American Arbitration association, and received communications from numerous state officials.

Richard Montgomery, state director of the Office of Price Administration, was scheduled as an evening speaker.

Political O. K.'s Expected.

The convention will continue through Sunday when the business affairs of the council will receive attention. Aside from the resolutions awaiting action, the convention is expected to endorse political candidates and will voice opinions on pending legislation.

Some legislative matters will be determined by vote on resolutions. Resolutions are before the committee expressing opposition to the Frey amendment to the NLRB and the Smith-Connally and Hobbs bill. Other resolutions would extend benefits of the social security act, and would repeal the Hatch act.

Resolutions urge greater participation by the CIO in political

Sub-Zero Blast Hits Southwest

(By the Associated Press)

Virtually all of the southwestern high plains were snow-bound today after one of the worst winter storms in years.

Temperatures plummeted to as low as 30 degrees below zero at Craig, Colo., and snow falls of 12 inches were reported from the Texas Panhandle as drifts piled up to six feet. Eight inches of snow, the heaviest in years, was reported in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, and at least one death was blamed on the weather.

Transportation was crippled and livestock raisers, short of feed, feared serious losses. Heavy livestock deaths in the Texas Panhandle reported as that section dug out of the worst blizzard in 52 years. It was four above zero at Amarillo.

North of Amarillo at Perryton, Tex., one farmer said he counted 150 dead cattle along a 10-mile stretch of highway.

Maximum snowfall in the Panhandle was approximately 12 inches. Oklahoma highway patrolmen pulled 900 stranded motorists out of snow banks during the storm.

Sub-zero weather was general in western Kansas with a minimum of 8 below at Garden City.

Bombs Turn Gas City Into "Sea of Fire"

Mannheim, Industrial Twin, Also Blockbuster Target, Berlin Admits

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Britain's wooden Mosquito bombers, raiding Germany for the seventh consecutive night, hit targets in the western Reich last night without loss in the wake of a strong American daylight attack which Swedish reports said gave the chemical city of Ludwigshafen a "death blow."

Stockholm's Morgan Tidningen declared the force of hundreds of Flying Fortresses and Liberators which drove deep into southwest Germany yesterday bombed the I. G. Farben poison gas works at Ludwigshafen and that the city "now looks completely flattened out."

Quoting private reports, the paper said blockbusters and incendiaries were dropped, setting giant fires which turned the town into "a sea of fire."

Stockholm reports also said the twin city of Mannheim was struck.

A British communiqué released today did not designate where their Mosquitoes hit last night.

The German high command, confirming Swedish reports that Ludwigshafen and Mannheim were the targets for the American bomber smash, acknowledged that heavy damage had been done the twin industrial cities. It claimed that 231 American and British bombers were shot down over Reich territory during the first week of the new year.

Clouds No Obstacle.

United States fighters, making a round trip flight of some 800 miles, accompanied the Flying Fortresses and Liberators to yesterday's targets in southwest Germany. American, RAF, Canadian and allied fighters hovered along the return route to give additional protection.

The communiqué said the bombers pressed home their attack through heavy clouds. Twelve bombers and seven fighters were lost.

The day's bag raised the total German fighters destroyed in three major American raids this month to 149.

While the big American formation was penetrating into Germany, more than 750 other allied war planes were delivering day-long attacks on the French invasion coast.

It was the 16th day of heavy attacks on this sector in the last 18.

The Paris radio, in a broadcast recorded by U. S. government monitors, said one of the targets in raids on northern France on Wednesday was now "a heap of ashes."

Meanwhile, indications that the allies were attacking northern France for the 17th time in 19 days came in a Vichy broadcast report of morning raids in that area.

In yesterday's large-scale American operation, 42 German fighters were shot down.

Nazi Raider Sunk In South Atlantic

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Brazilian government news service announced today that the combined units of the Brazilian and United States fleets sank a German surface raider in the South Atlantic recently.

The news agency, quoting Capt. C. E. Blaine, chief of staff of the United States South Atlantic fleet at Recife, said patrols located the raider, which was carrying war supplies to Germany from Japan.

Oregon State Fair Is Again Called Off

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Oregon state fair was cancelled again today and sponsors said they feared for the postwar future of the annual exposition.

Fred Cockell, Milwaukie, told the Oregon Fairs association the state fair would have a hard time attracting attention in the immediate postwar years because it had not been held for several years.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reisenstein

A lot of black market patrons would rather pay \$100 to be a whiskey sport than contribute a dollar to building a transport.