

Manila-Bound Yankees Smash Entrenched Japs

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within half a mile of strongly defended Rosario, and cut the Manila-Bagulo highway.

Tank-led southern columns were converging on Tarlac, highway junction 70 road miles from Manila and 21 from Clark field.

U. S. bombers destroyed 61 Japanese planes parked on Clark field, heavily blasted adjacent Fort Stotsenburg, wiped out three tanks, fifty trucks and a number of locomotives.

Raiders Sow Destruction.

In the air, enemy broadcasts reported Superforts prowling the skies over Korea, Tokyo and the Kobe-Osaka area, preparatory to new B-29 mass raids.

All Superforts returned to their China bases from yesterday's successful strike at Formosa which Tokyo described as part of a coordinated sea-borne and land-based American aerial sweep over 1,100 miles of the China coast from Shanghai to Hainan Island.

Tokyo reported the third fleet carrier planes, hammering strategic ports for the fourth consecutive day, concentrated on Hong Kong and Canton.

Japanese broadcasts said 28 Superforts, escorted by fighters, joined in the raids on Hong Kong and Canton.

Third fleet units sweeping Japanese shipping out of the South China sea have destroyed 250,000 tons of enemy vessels in the last two weeks, the navy announced jubilantly in Washington. The figure includes only part of the destruction wrought in the unprecedented and extended raid on the Hong Kong-Canton-Swallow-Amoy area.

Simultaneously the high command disclosed Japanese trying to prevent last week's invasion of Luzon Island caused "extensive damage to (U. S.) naval vessels, many of which will require major repairs." No details were given.

In bomb-battered Tokyo, Japanese broadcasts indicated, Premier Koiso faced the possible alternative of resigning or accepting a new totalitarian party set-up "benefiting the pressing war situation."

KUNMING, China, Jan. 18—(AP)—In the most destructive assaults ever made by the U. S. 14th air force fighters, pilots raged the length and breadth of occupied China Tuesday and Wednesday and destroyed or damaged 135 Japanese planes, many on Shanghai airfields.

Hundreds of Japanese were killed by strafing and bombing and thousands of tons of shipping were damaged heavily within a 2,500-mile perimeter of enemy holdings, a communique from Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer disclosed today.

The planes ranged from China into Burma and French Indo-China.

Shanghai airfields were reported smashed, almost without interception, and 68 planes were destroyed and 19 more were damaged. Forty-one of the destroyed craft were bombers. Of two challenging Japanese planes over Shanghai, one was destroyed.

Churchill Lauds Yanks for Stopping German Thrust

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engaged and all the rest of the 30 or more divisions were American troops.

Of all the troops landed in France, he said that the losses sustained by the British empire and American forces have been "very level" in proportion to the troops engaged.

American troops on the western front outnumber British empire forces more than two to one, he revealed, and the British empire forces have lost only "half as many as our American allies."

In killed alone, however, he said, the British and Canadians had lost a larger proportion than the United States.

Doom Not Averted by Nazis.

The German counteroffensive, he declared, had "in no wise delayed, nor still less averted, the doom that is closing in upon them."

Cheering greeted Churchill's warning that "care must be taken in telling our proud tale not to claim for the British empire an undue share of what is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war."

"They have suffered losses almost equal to those of both sides at the battle of Gettysburg," he said. "I have never hesitated to stand up for our own soldiers when their achievements have been cold-shouldered or neglected or overshadowed by their sometimes are, but we must not forget that it is to American homes that the telegrams of personal loss and anxiety have been coming during the past month and that there has been a hard and severe ordeal during these weeks for our brave and cherished ally."

Japan Facing Ruin.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's "recovery of the Philippines," the prime minister continued, was a "fearful warning to the Japanese of their impending defeat and ruin."

Apparently in answer to criticism that Germany's will to resist was being strengthened, he declared he and President Roosevelt had repeatedly made clear that unconditional surrender "in no way relieves the victorious powers of their obligations to humanity."

"Military victory may yet be distant," said Churchill. "It is cer-

Orchestra Leader

HORIZONTAL

1 Pictured structural leader, —

11 Help

12 Ripped

13 Pedal digit

14 Fastener

15 Behold!

16 Male

18 Singing voice

20 Canvas shelter

21 Period of office

22 Upward

24 Italian river

25 Rodents

27 Fable

30 Measure of area

31 On account (ab.)

32 Supplicate

33 Small particle

37 Musical note

38 Him

39 First man

42 Not fast

45 Too

49 Vase

50 Iridium (symbol)

51 Electrified particle

52 Dined

54 Units of measure

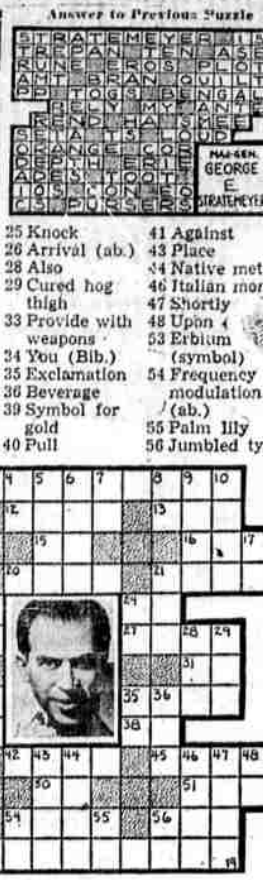
56 For

57 His orchestra is made up of

VERTICAL

1 Bucket

2 Suggestion



School Money Battle Started in Legislature

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disclosed today its legislative program for more liberal unemployment compensation and workmen's compensation laws.

The unemployment bills would increase benefits from \$15 to \$25 a week, and extend the benefit period from 16 to 26 weeks in a year; extend coverage to all employers, and reduce the waiting period for compensation from two weeks to one week.

The other program calls for compulsory insurance by the state for industrial accident commission of all hazardous employment, and to increase benefits.

The state unemployment compensation commission introduced four bills, which were to correct defects in administrative procedure.

A bill by Rep. Bain, Milwaukee democrat, to close the election polls at 10 p. m., instead of 8 p. m., will remain in the house elections committee for some time, the committee said. Several committee members objected that longer voting hours would delay election returns, and would require election judges to work longer. Bain said the bill would enable more workers to vote.

Truck Bills Studied.

The senate roads and highways committee met today to consider the two big truck bills and the freeway measure.

One bill would make permanent the temporary wartime authorization for trucks up to 60 feet long and 72,000 pounds to operate on state highways, while the other would extend permission for the big trucks to operate only until six months after the war, when the limits of 50 feet and 54,000 pounds would again become effective.

The freeway bill, by limiting right of access to state highways, would give the highway commission power to restrict roadside developments, such as lunch stands and gas stations.

To Extend Driver License.

A bill to extend the state motor vehicle driver's licenses to June 30, 1947, was passed by the house today and sent to the senate.

The licenses would expire next June 30, but the state department asked the extension on grounds the revenue from them is not needed, and the department cannot get sufficient help to mail new licenses.

Shattered Germans Reeling Out of Poland

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Germans lengthened their narrow Rhine bridgehead to nine miles and captured two villages 15 miles northeast of the Aachen capital. The U. S. Seventh army, however, won Sessenheim, fought into the streets of Herrlsheim and beat down attacks in the Maginot town of Hatten. Bombers last night attacked

German movements and positions in the Holland area in a constant succession of blows.

RAF Mosquito bombers carrying two-ton blockbusters opened the sixth straight day of allied assault by air on German fuel and industries, returning before dawn to blazing Magdeburg. U. S. heavies followed with an attack deep into central Germany.

Red Superiority Admitted.

Advance units of Marshal Konev's First Ukraine army have captured Czesstowa, 125 miles southwest of Warsaw, and were only 260 miles from Berlin at that point.

The German army radio in Poland said "such immense masses of material employed by the Russians never have been experienced before," and a Berlin commentator said the Germans had "no chance" of meeting the Russian superiority frontally. The Germans told of another offensive assaulting their positions in East Prussia, but up to early today Moscow had not mentioned it.

Two other powerful Russian armies were completing liquidation of the Nazis in Budapest, whose complete occupation seemed a matter of hours.

The Paris radio said there no longer was a front line in Poland, and Moscow dispatches said the Germans were suffering their greatest losses of the war.

Whole divisions were being trapped, and unofficial estimates placed German tank losses in the three days at between 800 and 850.

Air Priority for Dog Not Asked, Col. Roosevelt Says

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ing or crating.

Apparently the priority was put on a crate for the dog here in Washington, Early continued, without clarifying who may have done so.

While Early was talking with newsmen, Secretary of War Stimson was asked about the story at his news conference. He replied: "I should say that somewhere down the line somebody has made a mistake."

When Early was asked whether any steps were being taken to punish the persons responsible for the priority "dumping" of the service men, he replied in the negative. And certainly, he said, nothing will be done about Seaman Leon LeRoy, one of the trio out off the army transport at Memphis. It was LeRoy who first disclosed the whole affair at his home at Antioch, Calif., yesterday. His mother had said the matter "sort of frightens us" and expressed concern lest her boy's status in the navy be affected.

Early said he was not sure, but that perhaps army regulations required crating of the dog.

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