

French Bar Tunisia Move

Tricolor Near Coast; Rommel Plan Said To Save Tunisia

E (Continued from Page 1) E reached Misurata, only 100 miles from Tripoli. A Berlin radio broadcast said Rommel was headed "for prepared positions," but gave no hint as to where these were likely to be.

The indications were, however, that Rommel was going into Tunisia, hence the Allied-supported French effort to head him off by striking through southern Tunisia toward the Sousse area.

Improving weather in Tunisia, the French said, caused a resumption of widespread Allied air activity "in all sectors," although the major American and British ground troops in northern Tunisia still limited their action to patrols. The Axis was reported moving men from Tripoli, last big Libyan base available to Rommel, into Tunisia, and even withdrawing men and material from its imperiled Russian front in an effort to hold the French protectorate opposite Sicily and the toe of Italy.

These moves followed an important Axis strategy conference at Adolf Hitler's headquarters. The Axis concentration on Tunisia as a major battleground appeared logical because of its proximity to Axis mainland bases in Italy.

Thus far the Axis is believed to have approximately 25,000 men in Tunisia, reinforcing that total by air transport at a rate of 8,000 troops weekly. A Daily Mail dispatch also said that a convoy of 150 French ships was massed in southern French ports for an attempt to swell the Tunisian forces.

Such a venture would be extremely risky because of British sea dominance in the Mediterranean, but observers pointed out that the Italian navy still is available and Axis land-based planes in Sardinia and Sicily could be used.

A Reuters north African dispatch said Allied patrols had captured Italians from Tripoli who were trying to join Gen. Walther Nehring's Tunisian forces. There also were indications, the agency said, that part of the Italian garrison of Tripoli was moving by sea to Tunisia.

The Allied command in north Africa reported one enemy detachment in northern Tunisia had been beaten off in a raid on a forward allied position, and that allied planes had shot down one axis bomber and one fighter plane in routine patrols in which no allied planes were lost.

A spokesman said US bombers had dropped more than a million pounds of explosives on axis-held Tunisian ports in the week ending December 12, but that in ground operations "both sides are more on the defensive than the offensive now." Nazi planes still were strafing roads on which the allies "are moving up combat equipment for a renewal of battle," he added.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 21—(AP) Allied bombers again attacked enemy-held docks at Bizerte in Tunisia Sunday night, and large-scale air activity has been resumed in all sectors, a French communique said Monday night.

The regular mid-day Allied headquarters communique covering Sunday's action reported only the repulse of an enemy raid on an Allied ground detachment in northern Tunisia, and the destruction by Allied planes of a German Junkers 88 bomber and a Messerschmitt 109 fighter plane.

Canadian Airliner Missing in Wild

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21—(CP) Darkness Monday night grounded aircraft which spent a fruitless day dropping low over the mountainous, thickly-wooded wilderness northeast of Vancouver searching for a Canadian Pacific Airlines transport missing with 13 persons aboard.

Late Sports

BASKETBALL
At Berkeley: California 59, Santa Clara 31.
Loyola 52, Chicago 30.
Utah 49, Montana State 40.
At Pendleton: Pendleton Field 48, Eastern Oregon 44.

Court Upholds Nevada's Six Weeks Divorce

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP) The supreme court ruled Monday that Nevada's six-week divorces are valid and that all other states in the union must recognize them. Specifically, the court reversed the conviction for "bigamous cohabitation" of two North Carolina residents who went to Nevada in 1940, spent six weeks at the Alamo auto court near Las Vegas, obtained divorces from their respective spouses on grounds of cruelty, married, and returned to North Carolina to set up housekeeping together. The man, O. B. Williams, has been married to his previous wife in North Carolina for 24 years and had four children; the woman, Lillie Shaver Hendrix, had been married to her former husband for 20 years.

Citing the provision of Nevada's divorce law that "plaintiff shall have resided six weeks in the state before suit be brought," the court said it was "clear" that Nevada thereby required a divorce-seeker to have a domicile as distinguished from a mere residence in the state; that such state can alter "the marriage status of the spouse domiciled there, even though the other spouse is absent;" and that North Carolina and all other states were required by the constitution to give "full faith and credit" to Nevada's decrees.

The North Carolina court which convicted the couple held that they acquired no actual domicile in Nevada but the supreme court said that this question was not before it and "we must assume that petitioners had a bona fide domicile in Nevada, not that the Nevada domicile was a sham."

The vote was 6 to 2. Justice Murphy dissented on the ground that the majority was applying the "full faith and credit clause" of the constitution with "unreasonable rigidity" and that "the question of policy" should be considered.

And Justice Jackson wrote an 11-page dissent attacking the finding as "a demoralizing decision" which "repeals the divorce laws of all the states and substitutes the law of Nevada" in the case of all marriages where the husband or wife "can afford a short trip there."

J. Carson in Brother's Job Of Senator

C (Continued from Page 1) C dated Monday informed the court that he was "in no sense a candidate."

Judge Murphy said he believed that both John Carson and Frederick S. Lamport, the court's other pro tem appointee to the senate, would capably represent business as well as the legal profession.

Decision of the court was unanimous. The appointing order, was signed by Commissioner Jim Smith at his home, to which he returned over the weekend from a Portland hospital.

John Carson was born in Salem 48 years ago. A Presbyterian, he received his schooling in the public schools here, at Mt. Angel college and Willamette university. His wife is the former Myrtle J. Albright of Marquam. They have two daughters.

The new senator served with the Oregon national guard on the Mexican border in 1916, with the army coast artillery corps in 1918 and at the Fort Sill school of artillery school. He served from 1933 to 1935 on the state parole board and for many years on the board of bar examiners.

Chimneys Blaze

City firemen were called Monday night to extinguish chimney fires at 330 South 14th street and 2365 Maple avenue.

Allied Tanks Drive Wedge

Guinea Japs Falling Back Before Air, Ground Assault

D (Continued from Page 1) D trenchments and smashed log and concrete strong points one after the other despite the use of flamethrowers by Japanese fighting to the last man.

Beginning with the attack on Cape Endaladre, which was captured Friday, tanks were in use by the allies for the first time in this theatre, and the Japanese had no anti-tank weapons except the flamethrowers.

Their position, as a consequence, was deteriorating rapidly, and they were reported to have lost their commander, Lt. Gen Tomihiro Horii, an expert on amphibious warfare who is said to have led many of the major Japanese landings, including those at Wake, Guam, and Rabaul and at Gona, on New Guinea, last July 22.

Everything has gone according to schedule since Gen. Douglas MacArthur launched his general attack on all the positions east of Buna village Friday morning. At Sanananda point, where another force of Japanese is isolated west of Buna village, the allies were closing in slowly from all sides.

Allied heavy B-24 bombers Sunday attacked Madang, 300 miles up on the north New Guinea coast, for the first time and shot down three zeros after bombing the wharf with two dozen 500-pound explosives.

Two large transports, their decks packed with khaki-clad Japanese troops, were in a convoy attacked there over the weekend. Reconnaissance Monday showed a big oil slick and empty lifeboats where a cruiser in the convoy was sunk.

Winter Begins Officially, Actually

By The Associated Press

The first day of winter blew in on the nation today in the wake of a frigid spell during which low temperature records were shattered in the east.

With cold somewhat abated, it was disclosed in Boston that proverbially taciturn New Englanders had cut loose with a flood of weather-prompted tongue-wagging via telephone.

Engineers of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company estimated there had been a million extra calls—an extra 100,000 hours of phone conversation—during a 24 hour period which ended at 6 p. m. Monday.

Calls necessitated by frozen pipes, stalled autos, empty oil tanks were among those that overloaded local circuits, but the officials said there were many that were too long for such emergencies and they suspected many people were just unwilling to go out.

The mercury dipped low in New England over the weekend, but St. Lawrence county, N.Y., appeared to hold the record with a registered 47 below zero.

Four persons were dead of exposure, while garages and plumbers were deluged with work and public conveyances overtaxed throughout New York state. In Rochester, N.Y., the temperature climbed to 22 above from a low of 16 below. Syracuse, N.Y., which reported an all-time low of 26 below on Sunday, had comparatively balmy weather at 15 above late Monday.

In New York city the mercury ascended from minus one at 2 a. m. Monday to 23 above at 2:30 p. m.

Some other temperature readings were Boston, 5 below; Detroit, 10 above; Philadelphia, 1 above; Pittsburgh, zero; Washington, 1 above.

Wartime Cut Destructive To Forests

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP) The US forest service declared Monday that the future productivity of the nation's forests is being undermined by destructive cutting to meet wartime needs for wood and forestry materials.

In a report to the agriculture department, Acting Chief Earle H. Clapp urged action to protect forestry resources for the sake of future generations.

"Developments in the first year of the war," he said, "bring into focus the inadequacy of the nation's present forestry effort and the threat to the security of rural people throughout our forest regions which is inherent in the current situation."

While agreeing that it was necessary to supply war requirements for lumber, the forestry chief said that needs could be met if the forestry industry followed recommended cutting and restoration practices.

Too Late to Classify

ANYONE who will donate or sell used Vacuum Cleaner in good condition call Red Cross, Ph. 9277.

600 Turks Killed In Quake, Report

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), Tuesday, Dec. 22—(AP)—The Berlin radio broadcast an Ankara dispatch Tuesday stating that 600 persons were killed in a violent earthquake centered along the Black Sea coast of Turkey.

The quake, described as the most severe registered lately in Turkey, was said to have rocked the tobacco-growing section of Anatolia, destroying large crops. The number of wounded was said to have exceeded by far the number killed.

Wire Company Charged With Defrauding

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 21 (AP)—A complaint from Russia and a tipoff from an Indiana citizen led to the indictment here Monday of the Anaconda Wire and Cable company in what Attorney General Biddle described in Washington as one of the most reprehensible cases of defrauding the government and endangering the lives of American soldiers and sailors.

The indictment, returned by a federal grand jury, accused the company, a subsidiary of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, and five of its officials with selling defective wire to the government from its Marion, Ind., plant. Specifically, it charged conspiracy to defraud the government and conspiracy to present false claims. Eight counts were included.

In New York, H. D. Keresy, president of the Anaconda Wire and Cable company, said none of the responsible officers or executives of the company "had any knowledge of failure to comply with prescribed specifications and that employees at fault had been dismissed."

The justice department said the company had \$6,000,000 in government orders, including wire and cable for use by American armed forces in combat communications. But the army some time ago ordered that the wire delivered by the Marion plant be confined to use only in maneuvers and not be sent to fighting areas.

Keresy's statement said, "the company has never received a complaint of failure of the product in service and has no knowledge of any such occurrence."

Named in the indictment besides the company were Thor S. Johnson, general manager of all Anaconda mills; Frank E. Hart, manager of the Marion division; Don R. Carpenter, Marion superintendent; Chalmers Bishop, chief company inspector at Marion, and Frank Kunkle, assistant chief company inspector at Marion. Hart said today that Carpenter and Kunkle terminated their connection with the company on December 1. He had no comment on the indictment.

Tom C. Clark, chief of the justice department's war frauds unit, said in Washington that FBI agents conducted the investigation that resulted in the indictment. The tipoff came, Clark said, in a letter from an Indiana citizen whom he declined to name. Earlier a report was submitted by Cyrus Shipp, inspector for the signal corps.

The complaint from Russia, Clark said, was that practically 50 per cent of the wire manufactured by the company and shipped to that country was found defective in combat use.

A statement by the justice department asserted that the defendants "secretly installed" and "manipulated" mechanisms that enabled them to "pass" inspection labels from tested and approved wire and cable and placed them on untested material.

"I can conceive," said Atty. Gen. Biddle, "of nothing more vicious, or treacherous, than deliberately supplying our armed forces with defective war material."

Maximum penalties for defrauding the government are two years imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine, or both; for presenting false claims, ten years imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine, or both.

Several months ago the Marion plant was awarded the navy "E" merit for excellence in production.

Steel Workers Strike

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21—(AP)—A strike by 1000 CIO unionists Monday night curtailed production of Ship armor plate at the Cleveland plant of Republic Steel corporation, Vice President C. M. White of Republic declared in an appeal for intervention by the war labor board.

Novelist Dies

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—(AP)—Wilbur Finley Fauley, 70, a novelist and member of The New York Times staff for 33 years, died Monday. He was the author of nine novels and a play.

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TWIN BEDS

License Plea Is Withdrawn

Doughton Quits City Water Board; Council Members Close Terms

F (Continued from Page 1) F layed action on bill to repeal the present ordinance licensing magazine solicitors, whose constitutionality has been questioned, pending introduction of a substitute regulatory measure.

Alderman Lloyd F. LeGarde of the license committee said the substitute measure by a registration clause would give the city some supervision over outside magazine salesmen, even though they could not be required to pay a license fee.

Other council actions included authorizing repair at cost of \$1900 of the fire department pump truck that was badly damaged in a collision last July; denial of a petition for vacation of part of an alley in Waller addition; ordering the clearing of Oxford drainage ditch as soon as weather and manpower permit, and temporarily tabling an ordinance creating a revolving fund for the park board.

OPA to Make Food Prices Standardized

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the plan to fit each city or town. The standard prices will be of two types—either fixed dollar and cents, or percentage markup.

The "dollar and cents" price will be, for instance, 10 cents a pound, 15 cents a can, or 13 cents a package. Meat and soap will be the first items treated on this basis.

Under the markup system, a grocer will find his maximum price by adding to the wholesale price a fixed percentage to cover retail costs and profits. Thus, a can of beans selling at wholesale for 10 cents would be priced in a retail store allowed a 10 per cent markup for 11 cents. Seasonal articles, particularly canned vegetables, probably will be priced in this manner.

Maximum prices will be highest for independent stores, next highest in chain stores and lowest in supermarkets, in recognition of the difference in cost of operating these types of stores. However, any store can charge less than the ceiling price and can meet or undercut its competition if it chooses.

This plan is being worked out at present only for food stores. However, OPA administrator Leon Henderson said "a number of steps toward simplification, especially in the field of small business, are presently under way in other retail fields."

Henderson promised that the new food price regulations would cut out a lot of reports, other paper work and confusion for the individual store keeper. Local meetings will be begun soon after Christmas to explain the plan to the storekeepers.

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United Nations Stamp Slated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—A new two-cent "United Nations" stamp, to replace the present issue of two-cent "Defense" stamps, was announced Monday by Postmaster General Walker.

The department said only that the new stamp would be red and would commemorate some of the principles of the United Nations. Details on design will be announced later. First-day sale will be January 14 at the Washington postoffice.

The issue will go on sale throughout the country the following day.

Jap Raiders At Calcutta Hurt Little

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facial Japanese opposition since advancing 40 miles along the Alluvial coastal plains cut by dozens of rivers and liberally carpeted with jungle and mangrove swamps. The lack of roads and quick communications facilities shrouded their progress.

Reports from Calcutta to the capital said the aerial enemy put on "a very poor show."

"I would have thought the Japs would have made an effort to do better in their initial attack," one official said. He reported that the raid failed to panic the people and that casualties were very light. Calcutta, chief Indian industrial city and arsenal, has thousands of miles of slit trenches. The raiders kept very high and stayed only about half an hour.

A few bombs were dropped also at Chittagong on the east shore of the Bay of Bengal about midway between Calcutta and Akyab.

Blenheim bombers escorted by fighters attacked Hagwe, 150 miles east of Akyab and second only to that Bay of Bengal port in importance as a West Burma air base. Many bombs burst on the airport runways and the British said the results were "good."

Co-op Head Resigns

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RAF Attacks Germany for Second Night

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it was carried out by great numbers — and "considerable damage" was officially acknowledged by the German high command.

It was accompanied by wide sweeps over France and the low countries by intruder planes, twin-engined Whirlwind fighters which also are used as bombers. Nazi transportation facilities were their principal targets.

No fewer than eight enemy planes were shot up, and every intruder came back safely to base.

The air ministry's communique Monday, although succinct, made it plain that Duisburg, which stands at the confluence of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers near Essen in one of the greatest industrial areas in Germany, was hard hit.

The Duisburg attack was the fifth night assault on Germany this month and was costlier to the allies than Sunday's more spectacular daylight raid by big US bombers into France.

In that great sweep, which was said officially to have cost six American bombers, the town of Rommilly-Sur-Seine was the principal objective. Forty four enemy fighter planes were shot down by US airmen in the raid on a Rommilly-Sur-Seine, a eighth air force communique said Tuesday.

"Of this number six were seen to crash, 23 went down in flames, 14 disintegrated in the air, and one plane was abandoned by the pilot," the communique said.

Court Lauds Late Brandeis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP) The supreme court paid earnest tribute Monday to its great dissenter, the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis, whom Chief Justice Stone termed "one of the influential men of his time."

The courtroom ceremony, which included a tribute from Attorney General Biddle, followed an earlier meeting of the supreme court bar at which Senator Norris (Ind-Neb) said Brandeis' life "will always be a shining star in the broad firmament of American jurisprudence."

Himself a fighter during his long law-making career, Norris in perhaps his last address in Washington as a senator, added of Brandeis, "His dissenting opin-

ions have become the law of the land." Brandeis, whose nomination to the court in 1916 by President Wilson precipitated a bitter nomination fight in the senate, died October 3, 1941, at 84. He retired February 13, 1939, after serving 23 years as the first Jew ever named to the tribunal.

Rail Points Recaptured

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southwest wing in the Kotelnikovskii region was about the distance away.

The adjoining, merging offensives thus were not only increasing the peril to German troops still doggedly holding to the narrowing Stalingrad salient but were recapturing great masses of farm lands of the Don Cossacks. Upwards of 65,000 square miles in southwest Russia already have been seized in a month and now the coal, iron and hydro-electric riches of the lower Don basin are near the charging Russian vanguards.

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