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**Reds Threaten Kotelnikovski on Three Sides** 

Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, December 29, 1942

# Fight in Tunisi, Surges; Big Store BritishNearin Misurata Inventory Limited

# **Enemy Staved; French Status** Seen Clearing

#### Weather Breaks to **Bring Fight**; Giraud Liked by DeGaulle

By RELMAN MORIN LONDON, Dec. 28-(AP)-The allied right wing in North Africa pursued Marshal Rommel's Lybian forces westward Monday on the approaches to Misurata, the strong defensive allied units skirmished with the Germans in the mud of Tunisia. In Tunisia, there was a break at last in the heavy rains of many days and an allied communique announced that in vigorous patrolling in the forward areas enemy motor vehicles had been shelled and forced to retire. In Ration Fails another action in the same genral section-this on the Medjez-El-Bab-Tebourba road along the allied line before Tunis and Bizerts-an enemy detachment suffered casualties and lost several

men in prisoners. In still another patrol engagedriven off without allied loss.

#### **Food Hoarders Can Be Curbed By 2 Statutes**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 -(AP) Food hoarders can be prosecuted under either one of two federal acts, OPA officials report-

ed Monday. One, covering false representation, could be invoked because an individual registering for the new ration book must state the amount of rationed products he has on hand. That statement becomes a part of government records, and any falsification could be prosecuted as a felony, punishable by a maximum \$10,000 fine or ten years in prison, or both. The second statute, a part of the second war powers act, describes as a mindemeanor any violation of rationing regulations. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a \$10,000 fine or one year in prison or both.

**To Bring Run** 

**Early Announcement Criticized: Many Grocers** Favor

## **Allies Repulse** Jap Assault, **Drive Wedge**

**Enemy Craft Shells Buna**; Cruiser Hit In Rabaul Harbor

By C. YATES MCDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Tuesday, Dec. 29-(AP)-Japanese warships shelled Buna village for five hours before daylight Monday as allied troops drove deeper into enemy holdings there.

It was the first naval shellng resorted to by the Japanese in the war in New Guinea. The enemy craft probably were submarines, an official communique said. They began firing upon the allied encampment in the village

The attack on Rabaul harbor

was carried out by B-24 bombers.

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attempt to clear out a Chinese

The Chinese reported that large

Japanese forces massed near the

Hupeh-Anhwei border launched

an offensive December 19, twice

broke into Hsihui, only to be

driven out both times, then

brought up reinforcements De-

direction of Kwangtsi.

vince.

no damage inflicted.

Japanese tried to break from the stranglehold thrown about them by the American and Australian troops. But the allied fighters drove them back in

**WPB** Control Slated **To Guarantee Goods For Smaller Stores** 

By STERLING F. GREEN WASHINGTON, Dec. 28-(AP) The war production board Monday put a limit on the volume of Merchandise that may be accumulated by big stores and wholesalers, in order to insure that smaller and financially weaker stores may get goods to meet their customer's needs.

The inventory control order is meant to hold each store's inventory of consumers' goods-not including food or petroleum products-at the same level in relation to sales as the store maintained before Pearl Harbor. Firms

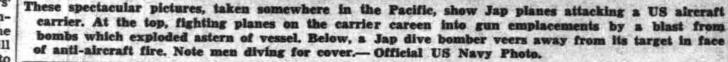
which have built up their stocks to excessive accounts will be brought into line by WPB controls over their buying.

Described by WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson as a move to 'assure a fair distribution of the about midnight and continued the limited quantities of consumers' attack intermittently until dawn. goods available under a war econ-The communique said there was omy," the order is effective in the second quarter of 1943. This will In the Buna airstrip sector the

give merchants a few months to bring their stocks down to "normal" size.

Wallace Proposes World Army Cadre Not as tough as originally contemplated, the restrictions cover retailers, wholesalers bloody midnight engagement. (Turn to Page 2-C) then our troops launched a counteratiack which drove a wedge deep into the enemy's





Offense Closing 2nd Trap

**Rostov Only 100 Miles** As Soviets Seize **Towns**, Take Toll

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Tuesday, Dec. 29 P)-The red army was reported threatening Kotelnikovski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, from three sides Tuesday, and was only 45 miles short of a union with its middle Don forces to throw a second steel ring around 300,000 Nazis pocketed before Stalingrad.

A special Soviet communiquelatest of a series on the new offensive-said the Red army was only 12 miles short of Kotelnikovski in a frontal assault, and had seized points on both sides of that North-Caucasian railway center, in an onslaught that has cost the Germans 17,000 dead since December 12.

Verkhne - Kurmoyarskaya, the Don river loop about 18 miles above Kotelnikovski, was seized, as were Krilov and Nikolski, 28 and 38 miles to the southeast in a wide flanking movement.

The Red Aarmy's middle Don forces operating down the Moscow-Rostov railway "were reported less than 196 miles north of Rostov, where the Germans were declared to be increasingly jittery, since seisure of would trap even larger Nazi forces inside the Caucasus. "Our troops in the area of the middle Don continued to develo their offensive and occupied a number of inhabited localities in-cluding the fown and railway station of Chertkov," the regular midnight communique said of that second offensive. Chertkov is about 30 miles above Millerovo on the Moscow-Rostov railway. Milerovo itself has been surrounded for so

Allied headquarters also announced new and strong attacks by the American air force on enemy shipping and transport.

French general headquarters announced that its troops south of Pont Du Fahs, inland in central Tunisia, had made "effective progress," taking more than 100 axis prisoners and large quantities of materials, and that to the south, between Kairouan and Pichon, French positions had been improved. Here it was said that the axis suffered considerable losses, including a number of troops captured by the French.

The fighting French radio at Brazzaville reported that forces of Gen. Charles De Gaulle driving up from Lake Chad "continued to advance south of Fezzan," 550 miles south of Tripoli in the extreme southwest corner of Libya. Fighting was reported continuing. All this was accomplished by clear signs that a quick clarification of the political status of all the French African territories was in prospect. There were reports from well-informed persons that Gen. Charles De Gaulle, the head of the fighting French organization, might go to Washington soon to put before President Roosevelt a plan for a new French government and that he might proceed then to north Africa to talk to Gen. Henri Giraud, the successor to the ssassinated Adm. Jean Darlan.

General De Gaulle himself in a broadcast Monday night to his homeland paid high tribute to General Giraud and said the

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## **Teens** Gang Held, Beating

PORTLAND, Dec. 28-(AP)-John Collier, deputy district attorney, said Monday night that a gang ned goods in dozen lots. of teen-age boys had been arrested after fatally beating a man manager said there had been no in attempting to steal a bottle of beer from him.

The dead man is Amos Corbett, 62, who was attacked on the streets of north Portland Christ-

Collier said the boys admitted knocking Corbett down after trying to seize a beer bottle he was carrying. Corbett's head struck a curbing.

Coller said Hilton Hooker, 17; William H. Martin, 19, and Don-ald Davis, 16, were being held while he prepared charges. Three others were turned over

to juvenile authorities, and two others were released after ques-

#### Phoning Up Quarter

By The Associated Press Criticism of the government's

nnouncing its next rationing propositions. gram so far in advance came from many sides Monday, but fears that runs on grocery stores would result failed for the most part to materialize. Plans to put a point ies of damaging attacks. rationing system into effect for ticularly successful in the Rabaul more than 200 kinds of processed foods in February were disclosed area of New Britain where three Sunday.

In Chicago, the secretary of the National Association of Retail cruiser lying in the harbor. Grocers, Mrs. Rose Marie Kiefer, asserted, "we deplore government officials giving the unscrupulous probably was destroyed. portion of the public a month to do their hoarding."

they observed that a large trans-Chairman Fulmer (D-SC) of the port which had been hit by heavy house agriculture committee told bombs in a raid on Rabaul the newsmen in Washington the procedure was "ridiculous" and "can day before still lay in the haronly result in a wave of buying bor, keeled over on one side. Two and hoarding which will aggramedium transports hit in the prevate the situation." ceding day's raid still were burning, they said.

Reports from nearly every section of the nation indicated no widespread panic buying although a few grocers reported calls for canned goods in case lots.

**Massed Japs** Unofficial rationing has been in effect in many stores for several months, and in New York the re- Drive, Take action of chain store executives and independent grocers was "Good! that makes it legal." A China City large distributor in Los Angeles CHUNGKING, Dec. 28-(P)-Jap-

likewise voiced approval, explaining that "It will relieve us from the problems involved in trying to set our own limits." Exceptions to the no-run reports

concentration in the Tapichan were noted in Cleveland, Ohio, mountains on the north bank of and New Haven, Conn. One the Yangtse river between Han-Cleveland grocer said that an kow and Kiukiang, a Chinese hour after the first rationing ancommunique said Monday.

nouncement Sunday there were more customers in his store than during the entire day of December 24, the day before Christmas. In New Haven, where weather conditions discouraged shoppers, each of about a dozen retail grocers reported from 10 to 15 calls from persons wanting to buy can-

But in Little Rock, one store sign of a run, adding: "In fact, I'd like to see a little business. It

is dull, very dull!" The OPA warned that excess stocks of rationed goods would have to be declared and the equivalent number of stamps surrendered at registration time, with severe penalties awaiting those who failed to comply. However, George F. Rogers,

president of the County Retail Food Merchants association at Rochester, NY, called the an-(Turn to Page 2-E)

## **Theatres Sell Bonds**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 -(P)- Th NEW YORK, Dec. 28-(AP)-The war activities committee of the oft-married and divorced Tomm motion picture industry said Mon- Manville and 20-year-old Beverly day the special promotional effort Whitney, - Canadian songstress

**Plans Seventh** 

#### Meanwhile, the communique re-Fatal to 37: lated, allied planes ranged from Timor to New Britain in a ser-**One in Oregon** These aerial assaults were par-

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 28-(P)-An avalanche of mud and snow that direct hits with 500-pound bombs thundered down a slope of the were scored on a large Japanese high Cascades Sunday night and struck a Southern Pacific passen-Flames enveloped the cruiser ger train claimed the life of a post-war plans and policies. He and pilots reported they saw it dining car steward Monday. buckle. The communique said it

He was Frank R. Pilcher, 55. San Jose, Calif. He died in a Returning pilots also said that hospital here after failing to rehis injuries, suffered in the pierc- into existence to give the necesing of the car by a tree trunk sary protection." swept down in the slide.

Three others of 14 injured were confined to local hospitals-Bernard J. Laughlin, 36, Fond du Lac. Wis.; Harry Olson, 37, Chicago, Ill., and John Francis Barron, 27, New York city.

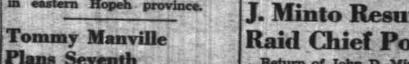
The train was a special, the third section of the Klamath, bound from Oakland, Calif., to Portland. Aboard the train were some navy personnel.

All of the injured were in the dining car through which the tree trunk crashed. Another diner was shoved 30 feet down a slope and six sleepers were derailed. The anese forces in eastern Hupeh are accident occurred near Wicopee launching a counterdrive in an station, 87 miles south of here.

> ALMONTE, Ont., Dec. 28-(AP) Five men were killed Monday in a Canadian National railways headon freight train collision near North Bay, Ont., as the death toll of Sunday's passenger train wreck here rose to 36. The freight trains crashed on curve 1¼ miles east of Nipissing, which is about midway between North Bay and Callander, home of the Dionne quintuplets. At members.

Less than 48 hours earlier, a The Chinese added that they troop-laden Canadian Pacific pashad smashed an attack by 6000 senger train splintered three Japanese infantry and artillery wooden coaches of another pastroops in southern Shantung prosenger train at the station here. Besides the 36 dead, at least 117 were injured. Railroad officials

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 -(AP)- The investigated in an effort to learn British Broadcasting corporation the cause of the wreck. announced Monday night that the A gay Christmas homing crowd Chinese had reported a Japanese occupied the wooden coaches. landing on the coast of eastern / It was Canada's worst train Kwangtung province and the cap- wreck since 1910. ture by the enemy of four towns in eastern Hopeh province.



Return of John D. Minto to the post of chief air raid warden for the city of Salem, which he had vacated earlier in the year to care for needed increases in war-

# Council to Keep Peace, At Air Base Train Wrecks Education of Defeated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28-(AP)-Vice President Wallace proposed Monday night a world council to preserve peace and promote the general welfare after the war, while leaving purely regional problems in regional hands,

In a broadcast commemorating the birthday of Woodrow Wilson, he made what was regarded in the capital as a major administration pronouncement of

suggested as the guiding principle FBI Agents for international organization after the war "the maximum of ter the war "the maximum of Ambush, Kill spond to three blood transfusions. along with the minimum of cen-tralized authority that must come 2 in Chicago

> The objective would be fourfold: "To preserve the liberty, equality, security and unity of the United Nations - liberty in the political sense;; equality of opportunity in international trade; security against war and business depression due to international causes; and unity of purpose in promoting the general welfare of the world." several hours."

Discussing what to do with the defeated nations, he advocated not only military but "psychological disarmament." This would include "supervision, or at least inspection, of the school systems of Germany and Japan to undo so far as possible the diabolical members of the gang. work of Hitler and the Japanese war lords in poisoning the minds of the young."

Wallace's address was sponsor ed by the Woodrow Wilson foundation, American Political Science association, American Society for Public Administration and American Historical association. President Roosevelt was consulted in advance of its delivery and the office of war information gave be presented, calling it an "im-

portant address on questions of (Turn to Page 2—F)

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 29-(AP) Vice Adm. Emile Muselier, former commander of the Fighting French naval forces, declared Tuesday in a letter to Charles de Gaulle that he was "ready to accept any active post at sea or on

**Oregon Bonds Staff** Plans Million-a-Day Muselier resigned his nava

**Spencer** in Command At Salem Airpost; **UAL Still Uses** Salem's municipal airport

Salem air base to the general public today, with a cadre from the Portland base occupying the new barracks. Under command of Capt. Earl A. Spencer, the days.

group arrived here late last week The Russians said that among and is in process of "taking" over the field and buildings from army engineers.

In official circles, the port beyear when the first army lease was granted and the engineers moved in to commence preparing

it for army occupancy. CHICAGO, Dec. 28 .- (AP)-Fed-United Air lines, private lessee retained its rental relationship eral agents late Monday night shot and killed two men who they with the city until November, said were "desperate men, badly when a new lease was granted wanted," and shortly afterwards the federal government; the sir lines now operate from the port FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover arunder army authority, continuing rived in Chicago presumably to take personal charge of the case. to pay their fees to the city without holding actual lease rights. Hoover, arriving at Chicago FBI headquarters with several Army guards had been in resiother FBI agents, said no andence at the port most of the nouncement would be made "for time since December 7, 1941.

Federal agents have been press-Federal agents have been press-ing a relentless search for members of the "Terrible Touhy" gange who shot their way out of Stateville, (Ill.) prison last October 9, and indications were that Solomon Japs the two men slain may have been

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28-(AP) The desperadoes were led by Roger Touhy, convicted kidnaper The desperate plight of Japanese forces stranded in the northern and onetime a leader of Chicago's

jungles of Guadalcanal island was underworld and Basil "The Owl" emphasized anew Monday when Banghart, described as one of the the navy disclosed that enemy planes had dropped by parachute supplies which our aircraft quick-Jy spotted and shot up.

The supplies were dumped on the Japanese-held beach at Tassafaronga Saturday night or early cember 23 and captured the city, least four of the dead were crew notice 10 days ago that it would in the shooting at an apartment at Sunday morning (Solomon islands time). American aerial observers spotted them there at the dawn every state highway and county 1256 Leland avenue, in the Wil-son avenue shopping district. Itime). American aerial observers spotted them there at the dawn and army Airacobra fighters, car-The secrecy shrouding the raid

lent credence to speculation that rying bombs as well as their usual the FBI was closing in on the suns, bombed and strated them where they lay. The navy comm Lt. Robert Welling of the town did

specify the damage inflicted but were not Touhy or Banghart, but other police officers said the de-scriptions of the men fitted Wil-liam Smith Stewart and St. Clair hall police said the slain men

Meinerney, two of the group of fliers had ample opportunity to seven who escaped from State-The communique also reported the destruction in the Solo Indications were the federal ag-ents had prepared an ambush with islands of another Japanese ship of unidentified type, a new dive their customary thoroughness and mber attack on the battered enemy airfield at Munda, a bomb-ing and strafing assault on a Jap bivouac area on Guadalcanal nd a strafing raid against the enemy base at Kiska in the Aleutian is-

many villages seized in the Kotelnikovski sector were Gremyachaya, railway point 12 miles short of Kotelnikovski, and Kiseleva. came an army air base early this This latter point is 80 miles to the southeast, deep inside the Cau-

> (German radio reports emphasized for the second straight day that Nazi troops were forced to fight in the "coldest winter weather of the eastern front"-13 degrees below zero Fahrenheit But Berlin said "newly arrived German formations had brought strong Soviet thrusts to a standstill" in the middle Don area.)

In four days the Russians said their troops had advanced from 37 to 53 miles in the Kotelnikovski region after breaking a series of desperate Nazi counterattacks aimed at liberating the 22 Nazl divisions trapped in the Don-Volga peket. trapped in the Don-Volga pocket.

Since December 12 the Russian said they captured 60 tanks, 155 guns, 105 trucks, and tw ammu tion dumps; and destroyed 270 (Turn to Page 2-A)

Willamette Up To 17.2 Here; **Roads** Clear

Although the Willamette river had risen six feet between Sunroad in Marion county was pass able early this morning. In at least three cases, however, roads were not in heavy use, since the

three inter-county ferries on the Willamette river were "down" be-

crease of 6.1 feet since the Sunday morning reading. Wheatland, Independ

Buena Vista ferries were not only out of use, but out of reach; because of the high water, County Engineer N. C. Habb A slide on the often-close

horn road was removed Mon by county equipment and the road was open to normal traffic. On the south river road a slide wm

time food production, was an-nounced Monday by Paul Hend-ricks, city defense chairman. Minto replaces C. F. Guenther PORTLAND, Dec. 28.-(A)-The Oregon war bond staff Monday announced a \$1,000,000 - a - d a y YORK, Dec. 28-(AP) of 16,000 American theatres re- said Monday they plan to wed in nounced sunk in an attack by Guadalcanal dive bombers on a and dive bombers on a Christmas holiday long distance sulted in sales of more than \$20,-telephoning this year boosted trat- 000,000 worth of war bonds and The sixth Mrs. Manville, the fic 24 per cent over the 1941 total to break all records, the American Telephone and Tele-graph company said Monday. The industry's special said graph company said Monday. (Turn to Page 2-G)



J. Minto Resumes **Raid Chief Post** 

Adm. Muselier Seeks Action

land in the fight against the enemies of France.

ville.

nation's most desperate criminals. Both were serving 99 year terms for the 1933 kidnaping of John "Jake the Barber" Factor. Although federal agents declined to discuss the case, town hall police said two men escaped

Touhy gang.

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