

British Approach Tripoli

100 Miles to Port; Air Force Pounds Rommel Steadily

By STEPHEN BARBER

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 12.—(AP) The British army in Libya, driving Field Marshal Rommel westward along a 70-mile-long front stretching inland from the coast, stood Monday night less than 100 miles from Tripoli, the greatest colonial port left to Italy in all Africa but a port now so scarred by Allied bombing that it is no longer considered a major enemy base.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's renewed offensive, which had rolled about a hundred miles since the destruction of Rommel's main line at Buerat el Hsun, was going forward along the coast and from the vicinity of Beni Uid inland. Thus on his left, Montgomery was cutting straight across the Tripolitanian hump, and before him the Allied air force beat at the retreating Axis forces with powerful effect. Squadrons were being moved up rapidly as air field after air field fell into British hands in Montgomery's long march toward Tunisia and the rendezvous with Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's North African forces.

(Ground action in Tunisia again was virtually at a standstill because of rain, and air activity also was light. Allied headquarters announced that small allied bomber forces had attacked road and railway transport moving from the axis-held supply ports and reported the destruction of three German planes and the loss of two allied craft.

(Recapitulating action from the beginning of the Tunisian campaign through January 15, the 12th US air force announced that 124 German and Italian planes had been smashed by US fighters in that period against the loss of 97 American planes.

(British light naval forces and submarines scored new successes along the axis' sea lanes in the Mediterranean, sinking or mortally forcing aground five merchant ships and damaging an escort ship, the admiral announced in London.

(In addition one submarine shelled a train near Paola near the toe of the Italian mainland and left it aflame.)

General Montgomery's rapid advance in the last section of Tripolitania held by the axis was overrunning resistance which in some areas was fairly heavy—pockets of artillery batteries, machine-gun nests and mine fields. Moreover, he had put behind him one of the major obstacles in the field of his offensive, the wadi fedggin, or valley of band lands.

British headquarters here disclosed that the allied air force attached to the Eighth army had gone into the Tunisian theatre to support the allied operations there, in addition to keeping Rommel's retreat under punishing fire. It was announced that two enemy ships were successfully attacked by planes off eastern Tunisia and that axis transport on the road westward from Tripoli to the Tunisian port of Sfax had been effectively assaulted.

A new bombing attack on Tripoli was reported, while enemy raids on Tobruk cost the axis four of the six bombers sent into the attack.

Senate Okehs Brown for Price Job

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cultural price ceilings beyond the point where farm state legislators contend they should be established and Moore said the thought persisted in the minds of farmers that "an unjust discrimination was made as between them and industrial labor."

In a statement, Brown said he did not fear the difficult job before him and intended to devote his "entire time and energy to the task of preserving our domestic economy."

Two Skaters Drown

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Miss Kaye Sible, 19, and Lloyd Johnson, 17, both of Seattle, drowned Monday night and several others of a skating party narrowly escaped death as ice broke under them on a slough at the north end of the University of Washington arboretum, near the campus.

Poll Tax Considered

ATLANTA, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Proposals to liberalize Georgia election requirements by eliminating the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting and lowering the voting age from 21 to 18 were before the Georgia legislature Monday.

Coal Strike In FR Hands

First Group to Walk Out Votes Return; New Mines Hit

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In the Olyphant-Scranton region decided to return to work. They had petitioned Thomas Kennedy, international secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, for a union commission to investigate their grievances. Informed Monday that a commission would not be appointed while they are on strike, they decided to go back Tuesday.

Complicating the rapidly-shifting situation, the walkout spread earlier Monday to three new collieries employing about 3000—the Hazleton shaft of the Lehigh Valley Coal company and the Edison Anthracite company's Nesquehoning colliery, both in district 7, and the colliery of the Volpe Coal company, in district 1, where the walkout is centered.

The miners originally walked out to protest a 50-cent-a-month increase in union dues, voted at the UMW convention last fall. However, demands for a \$2-a-day wage increase came to the fore as the strike progressed and finally became a major issue.

The war labor board twice had demanded that the men go back to work, the last time after a public hearing in Washington last Friday attended by John L. Lewis, UMW chief, representatives of the strikers and others. Both times the board's demand went unheeded.

Swedes Fight If Invaded, Land Assured

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Prime Minister Per Albin Hansson of Sweden, in a curiously specific manner, warned his country against the possibility of attack Monday and declared it was Sweden's "unshakable" will to fight if invaded.

The prime minister addressed the Swedish parliament as active war again came to the shores of the Baltic with the red army's relief of Leningrad.

The part of the prime minister's speech which lifted it beyond like formal declarations of neutral nations in the mind of observers, was a passage in which he warned against believing false radio instructions to cease resistance.

"Beyond any doubt we will defend ourselves," this passage read. "This has already been explained in orders to all subordinate military commanders. Similar instructions are being distributed to the civil authorities."

Sweden has been in an uneasy position amidst belligerents for four years, beginning with the Finnish-Russian winter war of 1939-40 when the allies wanted to go to the relief of the Finns through Norway and Sweden.



ON the HOME FRONT
By ISABEL CHILDS

With many another American woman I, Monday, purchased—a bread knife!

Now, a bread knife is not an absolutely strange instrument to me, for I once owned one, used it for French bread, but that was when I lived in the coast country and it was laid away and has long since rusted.

Earlier than that I had seen my mother wield the sawtoothed weapon she had purchased about the time she commenced to keep house. It was a strange and wonderful thing—dangerous, too, as I have reason to recall. Many a loaf of hot, crusty bread was entered by its blade, under protests from the baker.

As we grew older and attempted to slice the staff of life ourselves, her daughters learned to wonder how she could figure it, balance the knife so lightly and withal smile the while she cut exact portions, thick or thin as the need required—with never an ill-shaped wedge at the end of the loaf!

Of course, now that I shall be slicing (she used to call my attempts "butchering") a baker's loaf I'll have that extra problem of cutting through what looks like a crust but actually is almost as tender as the soft material within. There should be no possibility of a very great error when I come to the end of the stretch. By that time the bread should be of proper consistency to be laid aside for dressing, crumbs or (horror!) bread pudding, unless the exercise has increased my energy. And who cares whether bread pudding is made from triangles or whatever one calls a piece of bread cut on parallel lines?

There is an entire generation of women like myself, to whom the bread knife is an unfamiliar weapon—and dangerous. The first aid boys may prepare for many well-sliced hands.

Russians Smash Leningrad Siege, Gain on 7 Fronts

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railway to Rostov, apparently was its next goal.

In the Caucasus the Russians crossed the Maych river to capture Divnoye, railroad for a line running westward to the Rostov-Baku railway.

Farther south the Russians captured Cherkessk on the way west from Pyatigorsk toward the Malkop oil fields.

At all these points the latest successes meant not only the occupation of vitally important points, but also the breaking of the main German defense lines, opening the way for further advances.

In some sectors the axis troops were reported in hasty flights. German troops reformed at every possible point where the terrain offered some defense advantages, only to be sent fleeing again by the massed weight of soviet tanks, tommy-guns and cavalry, front reports said.

Hit repeatedly on all sides, the German army seemed unable to cope with the staggering succession of offensives.

The Leningrad blow was the seventh major Russian move this winter, one which meant the relief of the city from suffering unsurpassed by any in this war, even at Odessa, Sevastopol and Stalin-

Nearly 1,000,000 persons, less than half the original population of this city, lived through last winter under siege, supplied only across the frozen Lake Ladoga. Last month they still were being shelled by German siege guns. Now the isolation has ended.

Before the electric announcement Monday about Leningrad the Russians announced the capture of villages 50 miles west of the Don on the road to Kharkov in their sweep south to Voronezh.

Massed batteries of big Russian guns literally blasted paths through intricate German fortifications along the main path of advance toward the Voronezh-Kupiansk-Kharkov railway, dispatches said. This sixth Russian offensive also was moving toward Kursk.

An entire German division was reported virtually encircled be-

Court Upholds Conviction Of AMA

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meaning of the Sherman act, which prohibits combinations in restraint by the jury in the lower court.

The supreme court also upheld the right of a circuit court to see that labor board case "has been fairly heard."

Specifically it upheld a requirement by the sixth circuit court of appeals that the labor board hear evidence of alleged dynamiting and other violence by a local of the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers before the court would enforce a board order against the Indiana and Michigan Electric company of South Bend arising from the union's charges of unfair labor practices.

The board held that the alleged violence was immaterial to its findings but the circuit court ruled that the evidence might be material and the supreme court agreed in a 5-3 opinion, Justices Black, Douglas and Murphy dissenting.

In a wage-hour law decision, the court ruled unanimously that "the applicability of the act is dependent on the character of the employees' work" and that if a worker's activities relate to goods in interstate commerce it makes his purchases interstate. The decision, by Justice Douglas, applied to the Jacksonville (Fla.) Paper company.

In a companion case involving Carr Brothers company of Portland, Me., Douglas pointed out that unlike the Wagner act, the wage-hour act does not apply to employees in business "affecting" interstate commerce but only to those who deal with goods actually in interstate commerce.

Hain to Moor Steamboat

Permission to Walter Hain, Salem boat house operator, to moor a 175-foot steamboat, minus engines at the foot of Court street on the Willamette river was granted Monday night by Salem city council.

The boat is to serve as shop and equipment space for his business, while topside will be rooms and apartments for men working on the river and at the nearby mills. Hain told the council as he explained his plans to ask that the easement for the moorage was to be sought with renewal of his contract in April for boat house space at the foot of Chemeketa street.

Hain also declared his intention, with council blessing, to beautify the waterfront near his interests where a recent fire and still more recent flood have wrought havoc

tween the front and the Don. The news agency Tass declared the Russian advance was so impetuous that the Germans and Hungarians were unable to form new defense lines. Tass said the Russians were driving over vast graveyards left by the Germans in their summer drive to the Don. Kharkov was less than 118 miles away from the advance Russian forces.

The fall of Millerovo, surrounded since Christmas eve, secured this Russian column's rear. Another army on the lower Don is only 60 miles from Rostov.

In the north Caucasus, too, the momentum of Russian advance was unchanged and the noon communiqué said several villages and railway stations fell. The official account said fierce fighting was in progress on the western outskirts of a large town. The northern Caucasus drive is only 70 miles short of Armavir where a railway spur leads down to the German-held Malkop oil fields.

Council Seeks End, Street Blocking

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traffic through on every other crossing, at least.

Only answer to the situation which would prove a satisfactory safeguard so far as fires in the east-end of the city are concerned would be the strengthening of the one-way east Salem fire station force, declared Alderman R. O. Lewis, former fireman and chairman of the council's fire department committee.

Declaring an emergency, the council passed for all three required readings a new ordinance establishing a \$100 petty cash fund for the city recorder.

The ordinance providing for placing of 1942 weed-removal bills against city property owners on the minor lien docket was passed for first two readings.

The Shell Oil company may place benches in its stations for service men hitch-hikers so far as the city street committee is concerned, a report from that body, adopted by the council, declares.

City payment of back taxes on a group of improved city lots, thus securing title of the properties to the city, was given council approval.

Approved also was the agreement between city and state highway commission whereby the commission would spend \$17,218 allocated for street improvement in Salem for patching the surface of High street from State to Highland, covering it from Division to Hood and spot-patching the remainder; and for reeling and patching of Mission street.

Only one bid for lumber for reconstruction of the South 14th street bridge, destroyed by the flood, was received, and it was accepted. Cost of material for the bridge will be approximately twice that used there 12 years ago, City Engineer J. H. Davis said, declaring the one bid below the anticipated price. The council authorized removal of \$1500 from the emergency fund to the bridge fund to provide for the job.

One hundred dollars is to be taken, on council authority, from the emergency fund to stock the new petty cash fund for the recorder.

Salem will join the Red Cross and the Methodist old people's home in making available its share of three lots on South Saginaw to persons interested in starting victory gardens, the council voted Monday. The lots were left jointly to the three by the late Ross E. Moores.

Horses Pull Governors

COLUMBIA, S.C., Jan. 12.—(AP) There'll be four fine horses pulling the carriages of incoming Gov. Olin D. Johnson and outgoing Gov. R. M. Jefferies in the South Carolina inauguration Tuesday.

BLACKFOOT, Idaho — (AP) — William E. Hines knows some fathers have more sons in the navy.

But he'll vie with anyone on years of service. His three sons have been in the navy a total of 45 years—Even 20 years, Glen 18 and Gordon 7.

HOLLYWOOD
Last Times Tonight
SUB ABBOTT
LOU COSTELLO
Plus - 2nd Feature
My Neighbor
Plus - 2nd Feature
My Neighbor
Plus - 2nd Feature
My Neighbor
Plus - 2nd Feature

Coming Wednesday
Return - Engagement
GONE WITH THE WIND
In Technicolor
CLARK GABLE - Vivien Leigh
HOWARD DAHLGREN
and
VIVIEN LEIGH - Vivien Leigh

Guinea Japs Pushed Back

Bomber Sinks Ships; Solomons Enemy Bases Raided

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Monday by the navy, which said that one bombing raid, on the island of Ballale, started fires visible for 50 miles.

As both army and navy bombers blasted the Japanese positions 300 miles distant, ground troops on Guadalcanal island mopped up pockets of enemy resistance in newly conquered areas on the flanks of the American positions.

A total of 150 Japanese were killed in a single day's fighting last Saturday and "a number" were taken prisoner, the navy reported. Their equipment was destroyed.

This was virtually the first report to come out of the island indicating that any substantial group of Japanese had been captured. Usually they have preferred death.

The bombing raids, carried out Friday night and Saturday, were a continuation of early fighting which broke out early Friday when Jap destroyers with aerial escorts sought to deliver supplies, and possibly reinforcements, to the enemy forces on Guadalcanal.

Army Flying Fortresses bombed the Kahili airport on the southeastern end of Bougainville island, near Buin, Friday night, and started two large fires. Later that night the navy's familiar Catalina patrol bombers started additional fires with another raid on Kahili. Catalinas also attacked the enemy base at Munda.

Governor Puts In Two Bills

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ers' association legislative committee will engage today.

The teachers' group will meet to discuss its program this forenoon, confer with the house education committee this afternoon and the senate committee tonight.

The bill already drafted along lines proposed by the OSTA but not yet introduced, defines "surplus" in a manner expected to prove satisfactory in that it would transfer to school districts only any funds left over after all state property taxes including the various special millages had been offset and a \$5000 "working balance" set up for retention by the tax commission.

But it provides for transfer of the "surplus" funds no matter in what year they were collected. Practically speaking, of past income taxes collected this involves only the 1942 surplus, there having been none previously; but some legislators will question going back even that far, inasmuch as school districts' tax levies for 1943-44 already have been posted; and the plan appears to conflict with Gov. Snell's suggestion, released Monday, that a large reserve fund be created for war emergencies or for property tax relief in the past-war readjustment slump.

The OSTA legislative committee also will discuss with the education committees two other measures it hopes to see enacted; one changing the teacher certification law, the other increasing the minimum annual salary for teachers to \$1320. Under the present \$85 a month minimum, some teachers receive as little as \$700.

Members of the teachers' committee are Martha Shull of Portland, chairman; Cecil Posey of Portland; Beryl Holt of Salem; Milton Coe of Lebanon and Donald Gabbert of Dallas. (Additional legislative news today on page 9.)

Lebanon Mill Works

LEBANON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Some 500 AFL plywood workers were back on their jobs at the Evans Products company Monday, ending a strike whose issues will be considered by the war labor board.

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they were led to believe when they enlisted that no guard units were to receive uniforms and equipment other than their own individual providing.

Rep. Niskanen, or Lt. Niskanen, and other representatives have indicated a desire, despite the issue raised, to keep the guard from becoming a political football. But those constituents back home do expect an answer.

Have you, too, wondered if the Maj. Leo Smith, who was recently played up as one of Portland's war heroes, was that city's Rep. Leo Smith, or at least a relative? He is neither, assures the representative. The major is Leo R. Smith, an officer in the US marine corps. The representative has had to answer the identity question many times.

Furniture moving in the governor's office: The counter across which the front office secretaries to Govs. Martin and Sprague met the public is gone from its usual place.

"It was awkward, showing people to the right doors to the governor's outer and inner offices," explained Alene Phillips, Gov. Snell's assistant private secretary, Monday. Her desk now extends out into the reception room. She says her predecessors agree that the change is an improvement.

Another deadlock? House employees may know before today is over whether or not their pay is to be raised to the level to which the senate boosted that of its workers last week. There was a claim in the house Monday that 30 members favored the change, 30 opposed, with the reservation that the situation might be changed by today. Some representatives whose wives serve as their secretaries felt they could not face the voters at home if they voted to raise the "little woman's" pay just after the people had raised that of the lawmakers.

"Pro tem" selections, in one form or another, continue to command attention in the senate. That body approved on Monday a new rule, applicable only to this legislative session, providing for the selection of a "president pro tem" in case the president is unable to serve due to illness or other cause, or was called to serve as acting governor in the governor's absence from the state.

Christmas, or at any rate scenes reminiscent of Christmas, come more than once a year around the legislature. Large red apples appeared on all the members' desks Monday and Rep. E. Riddell Lage of Hood River county was given credit in the lower house as the donor.

Herman Brown, sergeant-at-arms of the house, was able to sit up for an hour on Monday, as a sign of his steady recovery from uremic poisoning suffered the second day of the session. However, his physician said Brown would not be able to return to his duties this week.

Richard Wilson, reading clerk in the house, is one of the youngest men ever to perform that office's largely vocal duties. He reads bills, memorials, resolutions and whatnot, and calls the roll, with plenty of volume and clear diction, but is inclined to read a bit more of the text than is necessary, thus courting laryngitis.

Rep. and Mrs. L. M. Ramage were hosts to a gathering of "freshman" members, kept in

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CAPITOL
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Plus - 2nd Feature
TRAITOR WITHIN
Plus - 2nd Feature
THE GAY SISTER
Plus - 2nd Feature

Berlin Bombed Twice at Night

RAF and Luftwaffe Trade Raids on Capital Cities

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houses," a communiqué said. Ten of some 60 raiders were destroyed, four by one night fighter squadron which set a new record.

At least 12 were killed in London.

Under a low cloud cover a strong force of allied planes roared over the channel shortly before dusk Monday in the direction of Boulogne.

Heavy explosions were heard from France for some time afterward by watchers at Folkestone. Some buildings there shook.

British troops said that the ground fire at Berlin apparently was no heavier than on Saturday night but that the German defenses, particularly the night fighters, were helped by bright moonlight and a clear sky. The bombers had approached Berlin through clouds all across Europe the night before.

German accounts insisted that "disaster" befell the British planes and asserted that few reached the capital. The Berlin radio admitted, however, that fire damage was heavy and, significantly, termed the attack "a terror raid."

While the opposing heavy bombers were hitting at Berlin and London, smaller Bostons, Whirlwinds and Hurricanes kept up a 13-hour patrol over parts of France, Belgium and Holland shooting up railways, canal traffic and trucks.

Legion Host To Officials

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C. L. Lleuallen, state representative and former mayor of Pendleton, Douglas Mullarky of Burns, private secretary to Gov. Earl Snell, and Judge George Duncan of Stayton post No. 58 were the principal guests Monday night at the meeting of Capital post No. 9, American Legion, in Legion hall.

It was announced that the post would be host to some 25 ex-service men who are members of the present state legislature at its next meeting in February.

Chairman of the dance committee, Tom Hill, reported that the post's regular Saturday night dances at the armory are meeting with increasing popularity. A crowd of 600 soldiers and friends attended the last dance.

The largest drawing card is the keen competition aroused among the various army units to win top honors in the jitterbug contests. Sgt. and Mrs. Klock of the 104th division won first prize last week. Pvt. Carl Schimmer of the 96th and Miss Marie Lipold of Salem placed second and Sgt. and Mrs. Hedlund of the 104th won third place.

town by transportation difficulties, last weekend.

June Valiant, department adjutant for the American Legion in Oregon, was a capitol visitor Monday. (Additional legislative news today on page 9.)

Oregon Men Lead Fight On Japanese

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took command of his company it numbered several Indians all of whom looked at him with hostile eyes. He stared back at them for several minutes, finally snatched off his cap, exposing a completely bald pate.

"I beat you to it," he said, and since then the Indians have been devoted to him. Today they saw Captain Robinson pick off a sniper out of a tree.

Mortar fire which an Australian forward observer called "the most perfect I ever saw" was directed by Lt. Anton Sasinger of Sidney, Mont., with Lt. John Davidson, Ellensburg, Wash., supervising the fire of the 81 millimeter section.

"The Japs replied with one mortar shell which hit the branches of a tree just above us," Lt. Davidson said. "It sent down the whole tree top and blew me off my seat with the force of the blast, but I was not hurt."

"But I could see our fire perfectly — we started firing at the tree tops to hold the snipers down to the ground, then lowered our fire gradually. Then, after a three-minute concentration on the Jap front lines, we raised our range 100 yards with another blasting fire, then raised the range 50 yards."

"Each time the infantry came in and never gave the Japs a chance to dig in."

"I got one sniper myself, and my sergeant, Bill Gore of Lewiston, Mont., got at least two which gives him a total score of three."

Fire Closes Englewood School Here

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sion and sent home a short time later.

The superintendent said classes probably would be resumed Wednesday morning.

The timber from which the fire started had been sealed in with the plaster applied at the top of the furnace when the heating system was installed. Supt. Bennett said the plaster apparently had cracked, causing the timber to catch fire.

The loss is covered by insurance.

The Englewood parent-teacher meeting scheduled for tonight has been indefinitely postponed.

Non-Essential Oil Slashed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP) The government Monday ordered a 40 per cent slash in "non-essential" fuel oil rations of commercial, industrial and governmental consumers in the east. The order does not apply to oil used for heating.

The action was taken jointly by Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes and Acting Price Administrator John Hamm to ease the oil crisis in the 17 affected eastern states and the District of Columbia.

Home owners and other consumers who use fuel oil for space heating, hot water, domestic cooking and lighting purposes were not affected by the orders.

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