

New Red Army Drive Rolls Germans Back

John H. Carson To be Appointed State Senator

Brother of Allan Carson To be Named Pro Tem This Afternoon

Appointment of a successor pro tem to Capt. Allan G. Carson of the United States army as state senator from Marion county is expected to be made by the county court Monday afternoon. While court members remain silent as to their selection it is virtually a foregone conclusion that John H. Carson, Salem attorney, brother and law partner of Senator Allan Carson, will be the appointee to serve during the latter's absence in the armed forces.

Brown Also Candidate
While there have been a number of candidates for the post the two names which have led the procession in outside speculation have been those of John H. Carson and Chandler P. Brown. While Chandler Brown is reported as saying he would be receptive to the appointment if tendered he would not make a personal campaign. However, (Concluded on Page 10, Column 4)

Canada Cuts Butter Rations

Ottawa, Dec. 21 (AP)—Canadians will be restricted to one-half pound of butter per person per week beginning today, under a coupon rationing plan announced by Donald Cordons, chairman of the war-time price and trade board.

Cordon also announced a reduction in the price of butter and temporary increases in government butterfat subsidy to producers. He blamed "some greedy and unscrupulous people" for the rationing, hoarding having resulted in a "serious strain on butter distribution."

3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT...
Buy Christmas Seals

Tanks Smashing Jap Remnants In New Guinea

Enemy Commander Killed But More Troops Believed Landed

Somewhere in New Guinea, Dec. 21 (AP)—Riding on the momentum furnished by the first tanks ever used by the allies in the Buna theatre, Americans and Australians had achieved these gains early today:
1. They had swept westward along the coast for 2000 yards from Cape Endiaderere, which they took Friday.
2. They had reached the creek separating a new Buna air strip from the old landing strip, and had blasted away the Japanese bridge connecting the two.

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Dec. 21 (AP)—Allied tanks and infantry smashed today at dwindling Japanese forces trapped in a horseshoe pocket in the Buna Mission area of New Guinea, and allied headquarters said the enemy commander, Lieut. Gen. Tomotomii had been reported killed in action.

The bloody trap was drawn tighter with capture of the Cape Endiaderere region Friday by Australian shock troops, and General MacArthur's command announced a general attack, spearheaded by tanks and artillery, was now underway against the Japanese remnants on this right flank. A communique declared the "enemy's position is deteriorating."

Below Zero Weather Grips Most of East

Winter—which doesn't begin officially until tomorrow—continued to get in icy practice blows today which kept much of the nation in a sub-freezing grip. Below-zero cold continued to prevail in the east, bedeviling householders striving to stretch oil supplies and upsetting the calculations of fuel rationing boards.



Giant Killer—Like "a bar room brawl with all lights out" was the way Commander Edward Nelson Parker, 29, of Lexington, Ky., described a machine-gun duel between a U. S. destroyer and a Jap battleship in the Solomons the night of November 13. He believes his destroyer sent three torpedoes into the battleship before the lighter American warship was knocked out of action and sunk. Commander Parker said the battleship, one of the Kongo class, was sunk the next day. This official navy photo was radioed from Honolulu to San Francisco. — Associated Press.

Married Men To be Drafted

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The cold facts of the manpower situation today point almost inevitably to gradual abandonment of dependency as grounds for deferment from service in the armed forces. The facts are that the army and navy, as now projected, will want more men than there are in this country without dependents.

First Tanks Used
It was the first time that the allies had used tanks in a general attack on this front. Field dispatches identified the tanks as light American-made "General Stuarts" manned by Australians.

Owl's Head, N. Y., where the mercury plunged to 45 below, still held the week-end record. The frigid weather was expected to abate somewhat in the east today. Chicago had a low of one above last night, compared with 10 above the night previously. But at Bismark, N. D., the mercury had risen to a low of 10 above, considerably warmer than the 18 below reported yesterday.

Duisberg Left Flaming Ruins By RAF Fliers

Moonlight Raid Follows Daylight Bombing by Flying Fortresses

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—The RAF pounded Germany's great inland port of Duisberg at the junction of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers last night in a swift follow-up to a daylight raid by American flying fortresses which dared swarms of German fighters to penetrate deep into occupied France yesterday.

German Admissions
The German high command said both explosives and incendiaries were loosed upon Duisberg. "Considerable damage was done, especially in the residential districts and to public buildings," said the high command communique broadcast by the Berlin radio. "The population sustained losses."

Six Fortresses Lost
Six of the big American bombers were lost, but 40 German fighters were shot down in the sweep by U. S. forces deep into France yesterday, a raid that produced sharp battles.

CPA Airliner With 13 Lost
Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 21 (CP)—Search for a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane missing with 43 persons aboard swung immediately north of this city today as C.P.A. officials disclosed the aircraft, manned by a pair of veteran pilots, had asked for landing instructions before disappearing soon after darkness fell yesterday.

Limit Placed on Plywood Movement
Seattle, Dec. 21 (AP)—All sales, shipments and deliveries of soft plywood through wholesale and retail channels, except upon orders given a priority rating of AA-5 or higher, are now prohibited, Deputy WPB Regional Director Milton H. Luce said today.



Duce Leads Procession—Spectators applauded when Benito Mussolini (second from left) led a delegation to new headquarters of the Italian women's organization in Rome recently on the 20th anniversary of the fascist march on Rome. The picture was received in New York from neutral Portugal. — Associated Press Photo.

Ciano and Laval Consult Hitler

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—Adolf Hitler, beset by allied offensives, the deterioration of Italy and disension in France, has held conferences with Galeazzo Ciano, Italian foreign minister, and Pierre Laval of France, axis broadcasts announced today. The Hitler-Laval conference revived rumors in Stockholm that Vichy might reach a peace settlement with Germany.

Gasoline Chiefs At White House
Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—High government officials responsible for gasoline and fuel oil distribution meet at the White House today to study proposals for revamping the existing rationing program.

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Immediate Use of Airport Not Planned

More urgent need for planes and the crews to man and service them at established bases and for actual combat duty may delay occupation of the Salem municipal airport—now ready for occupation—by the army air corps.

Axis Planning All Out Fight To Hold Tunisia

Rommel's Flight Continues Through Tripolitania Pursued by British

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel has appealed to Adolf Hitler for reinforcements to help keep the German toe-hold in North Africa and an axis convoy of 150 ships is massed in southern French ports, Madrid dispatches said today.

15 Miles Daily Retreat
The German Afrika Korps now is retreating at an average rate of 15 miles a day, front dispatches said.

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Berlin Admits Front Broken On Middle Don

Russians Seek Capture Of Millerovo as Birthday Present for Stalin

Moscow, Dec. 21 (AP)—Red army forces, driving ahead hard in an attempt to win the city of Millerovo as a birthday present for Premier Josef Stalin were believed today to have threatened additional units of the German army with encirclement near the important junction on the Voronezh-Rostov railroad.

Localities Captured
Among more than 100 localities captured yesterday were Mancovokalivhenskaya and Shestuchovka, on the Kalliva river, a tributary of the Don, 20 miles or less from Millerovo.

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