

RUSSIANS PREPARE FOR WINTER DRIVE AGAINST GERMANS

Ice-Hardened Battlefronts
Will Give Reds Footing
For New Offensives.

Moscow, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—The Russian winter—Red Army fighting weather—was creeping down from the north today and the Soviet command was regrouping its armies for a new offensive, when freezes hardened the rain-soaked battlefronts and gave footing to men and machines.

The great summer offensive which swept the German invaders to the Dnieper line and the brink of disaster had slowed almost to a standstill for the time being. There were indications that Marshal Josef Stalin would give his troops a recess while preparing for the winter campaign, at which the Russians have proved themselves adept.

Fighting Dwindles
The Russians made slight advances toward Vitebsk at the northern end of the White Russian front, but fighting on the middle and lower reaches of the Dnieper river had dwindled to intensive scouting operations and artillery duels.

The steady deterioration of the weather, including falling temperatures and heavy rains that turned the roadless terrain to deep mud, compelled the red army to diminish the scale of its attacks virtually within reach of their strategic objectives in White Russia, Vitebsk and Gomel.

The Russians have been battling without respite for three months and they apparently must be re-equipped and supply routes must be blasted across new impassable forests and marshlands before they can resume their offensive.

It also will be several weeks before the ground freezes sufficiently to facilitate the movement of mechanized forces.

WAGE HIKES AIM OF AFL PROPOSAL

Boston, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—A proposal for abolition of the little steel formula, or at least a modification to permit wage increases ranging up to 25 per cent, became a major issue today at the American Federation of Labor convention.

A resolution, encompassing the proposal, was submitted to the federation's resolutions committee. It contended that unless the price line is held, the formula must be scrapped. The little steel formula restricted wage increases to 15 per cent of the January, 1941, level.

The action came after President Roosevelt sent a message to the convention in which he anticipated a good deal of success in the rollback of prices. AFL President William Green said that he and his members would stand with the president in the fight.

Wife Found Guilty Of Poisoning Mate

Waynesburg, Pa., Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Nancy Jeannette Holt, 20-year-old blue-eyed blonde and the mother of two children, today faced the prospect of spending the rest of her life in prison after a jury found her guilty of poisoning her husband, Jesse.

The commonwealth had called a parade of witnesses to show that Mrs. Holt had systematically fed her husband arsenic and strychnine because, it was claimed, she was jealous and embittered over his attentions to other women.

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LIVESTOCK

Portland, Ore., Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Cattle, 150; calves, 25. Slow, about steady. Grass fat steers, \$11.00 to \$13.50; corn-fed steers, \$10.00 to \$12.75; medium heavy cows, \$8.50; good beef cows, \$10.00 to \$11.00; and above; common to medium vealers, \$9.00 to \$12.50; choice vealers, \$14.00.

Hogs, 500. Slow, steady. Good to choice 185-220-lb., \$14.75 to \$15.00; fat type and medium grade down to \$14.50; heavy hogs slow; 250-300-lb. down to \$13.50; good sows, \$11.75 to \$12.00; some feeder pigs unsold; best held around \$14.50.

Sheep, 400. Market steady. Good to choice lambs, \$12.00; good light feeders, \$9.00; heavy yearlings, \$9.00; good ewes, \$4.00; common down to \$2.00.

South San Francisco, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—(USDA) Cattle, 150. Generally steady. Load medium steers, \$13.00; around three loads medium yearling steers, \$12.50; few common steers, \$11.00 to \$12.00; fat range cows, \$11.00 to \$11.50; common cows, \$9.00; cutters, \$8.00 to \$8.50; canners, \$6.50 to \$7.00; odd culler bulls, \$9.00.

Calves, 25. Steady. Good to choice vealers quoted \$13.00 to \$14.00; common to medium calves, \$11.00 to \$12.00. Hogs, 350. Steady. Load good 225-lb. barrows and gilts, \$15.35, extreme top; three cars good to choice 270-285-lb., \$15.10 to \$15.25; odd good sows, \$12.75 down.

Sheep, 1200. Undertone steady. Good to choice lambs quoted \$13.00 to \$14.00; cull to good ewes, \$2.00 to \$3.75.

Portland Produce

Portland, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Wholesale market: Eggs—Prices to retailers, in cases: A grade, large, 54¢; A medium, 50¢; C, 48¢.

Eggs—Prices to producers: A large, 51¢; B large, 44¢; A medium, 47¢; A small, 43¢.

Berries—Raspberries, \$3.00 crate; Cantaloupes—Dillard, \$4.50 crate; Spars, \$3.00 to \$3.25 crate; Beans—Oregon green, 8¢; yellow, 9¢. Cauliflower—No. 1, \$2.00.

Celery—Oregon, \$3.25 to \$3.75 crate; Oregon hearts, \$2.75 dozen bunches; Corn—No. 1, \$1.25 sack; Radishes—Local, 50¢ to 60¢; Tomatoes—No. 1, 50¢ to 60¢.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Wheat: Open High Low Close
Dec. \$1.51 1/2 \$1.52 1/2 \$1.51 1/4 \$1.51 1/2
May 1.51 1/2 1.52 1/2 1.51 1/4 1.51 1/2
July 1.49 1.49 1/2 1.49 1/2 1.49

Wall St. Report

New York, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Stocks weakened in afternoon dealings. Trading continued quiet but was at a slightly better pace than yesterday when turnover amounted to 489,885 shares.

Today's decline carried the Dow Jones industrial average down below the 139 level, lowest since September 16.

American distilling was one of the few firm spots in late trade. It hit a new high at 32, up 2, and clung to most of the gain.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American Tel. & Tel. 156 1/2
Anaconda 25 1/2
Chrysler 80 1/2
Curtiss Wright 7 1/4
General Motors 38 1/2
Montgomery Ward 43 1/2
Penn. R. R. 28 1/2
Phillips Petroleum 47
J. C. Penney 97
Radio 9 1/2
Southern Pacific 25 1/2
Standard Oil Cal. 37
Texas Gulf Sulphur 36 1/2
Transamerica 8 1/2
United Aircrafts 31 1/2
U. S. Rubber 31 1/2
U. S. Steel 52 1/2

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Dairy market: Butter—93 score, 43¢; 92 score, 42 1/4¢; 90 score, 42 1/4¢; 89 score, 41 3/4¢.

Cheese—Wholesale prices, loaf 27 1/4¢, triplets 27¢. Eggs—Large grade A, 57¢; medium grade A, 53¢; small grade A, 49¢; large grade B, 48¢.

LABOR NOT GIVEN SQUARE DEAL, IS CIO HEAD'S CLAIM

Buffalo, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—CIO President Philip Murray charged today that "labor in the United States has not got a fair deal" and called for a concerted political action by the members of his union toward a "day of reckoning with these avowed enemies of labor in America" at the polls.

He charged that congress has not kept its commitments under the national stabilization act of 1942, to deal with all people equally.

Prices have soared while the War Labor Board has been prevented by presidential decree from removing inequities and injustices in pay rate structures, he said.

"Insofar as I have been able to observe, labor, despite its spirit of complete self-sacrifice, is throwing off its economic weapon behind the door during the war, and has not got a square deal," he said.

Play By Play

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filed to Stainback. No runs, no hits, no errors, none left.

Yankees, First: Crosetti out. Marion to Sanders. Klein threw out Metheny. Johnson lined to Klein. No runs, no hits, no errors, none left.

Cardinals, Second: Walker Cooper popped out to Crosetti. Kuroski struck out. Sanders walked. Litwhiler popped to Gordon. No runs, no hits, no errors, one left.

Yankees, Second: Keller filed to Walker. Dickey filed to Walker. Etten struck out. No runs, no hits, no errors, none left.

Cardinals, Third: Marion hit a home run into the lower right field stands. M. Cooper filed to Keller. Klein popped to Gordon. Walker out, Crosetti to Etten. One run, one hit, no errors, none left.

YANKEES, THIRD: Gordon struck out, Stainback lined to Klein. Bonham out, Kuroski to Sanders. No runs, no hits, no errors, none left.

CARDINALS, FOURTH: Musial singled. W. Cooper sacrificed, Dickey to Etten, Musial going to second. Kuroski singled to center, scoring Musial. Sanders hit a home run into the lower right field grandstand, scoring Kuroski ahead of him. Litwhiler struck out. Marion filed to Metheny. Three runs, three hits, no errors, none left.

YANKEES, FOURTH: Crosetti popped a single over Sanders' head. Metheny filed to Walker. Johnson singled to center, sending Crosetti to third. Keller filed to Walker in center. Crosetti scoring after the catch, Johnson holding first. Dickey filed to Litwhiler. One run, two hits, no errors, one left.

CARDINALS, FIFTH: M. Cooper struck out. Klein walked. Walker beat out a slow roller. Klein going to second. Musial filed to Keller. W. Cooper lined to Gordon. No runs, one hit, no errors, two left.

YANKEES, FIFTH: Etten lined to Musial. Gordon singled to left center and when Walker fumbled the ball, Gordon went to second; an error for Walker. Stainback filed to Walker. Bonham out, Marion to Sanders. No runs, one hit, one error, one left.

CARDINALS, SIXTH: Kuroski, Sanders and Litwhiler struck out. No runs, no hits, no errors, none left.

YANKEES, SIXTH: Crosetti singled. Metheny was awarded first base on interference. W. Cooper having tipped his bat. W. Cooper was charged with an error. Crosetti went to second. Johnson hit into a fast double play. Marion to Klein to Sanders. Keller filed to Musial. No runs, one hit, one error, one left.

CARDINALS, SEVENTH: Marion walked. M. Cooper struck out. Marion stole second. Klein was out, Crosetti to Etten, Marion holding second. Walker grounded to Johnson and Marion was trapped between third and second and run down, Johnson to Gordon. No runs, no hits, no errors, one left.

Yankees, Seventh: Dickey walked. Etten filed to Litwhiler, Dickey holding first. Gordon filed to Litwhiler. Stainback struck out. No runs, no hits, no errors, one left.

Cardinals, Eighth: Musial filed to Stainback. W. Cooper lifted a pop fly for a base hit. Kuroski struck out. Sanders filed to Keller. No runs, one hit, no errors, one left.

Yankees, Eighth: Weatherly, batting for Bonham, fouled the first pitch to Sanders. Crosetti fanned. Metheny was out, Klein to Sanders. No runs, no hits, no errors, none left.

Cardinals, Ninth: Murphy went in to pitch for the Yankees. Litwhiler walked. Marion forced Litwhiler at second, Murphy to Crosetti. M. Cooper sacrificed, Dickey to Etten, Marion going to second. Klein beat out a high bouncing grounder for a base hit, Marion going to third. Walker filed to Stainback. No runs, one hit, no errors, two left.

Yankees, Ninth: Johnson doubled to left. Keller tripled, scoring Johnson. Dickey lined to Klein. Etten out, Klein to Sanders. Keller scoring. Gordon fouled to W. Cooper. Two runs, two hits, no errors, none left.

GABLE COMPLAINS GERMAN FIGHTERS WON'T HOLD STILL

A USAF Bomber Station in England, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Capt. Clark Gable, who, as photographer and gunner, took part in five Flying Fortress raids raids on Europe, is plenty miffed because the Luftwaffe wouldn't hold still.

He doesn't know whether he did a good job in his quest for action pictures to be used in a training film for gunners.

"We won't know much about it until the whole thing is put together," Gable said. "That won't be until we get back to the states."

"We shot a lot of film, but for some reason the German fighters wouldn't hold still. I think we got some valuable shots, though, and I'm naturally hoping that the pictures will be what we've been working for."

During his five missions, one over the Ruhr, Gable managed to damage most of the clouds over Europe while missing any number of enemy fighters as he worked part-time in the nose of "The Duchess" as a gunner.

It may have been that the German fighter pilots failed to recognize Gable with his ears tucked in—or he may have been over-anxious.

"I didn't hit a thing, damn it," he said sadly.

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Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify, 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

MAJOR SEA DRIVE AGAINST THE JAPS IS PACIFIC HINT

By United Press

Reports of an impending major American naval offensive against Japanese sea power in the central Pacific circulated today as allied forces continued to hammer at Japan's crumbling outposts in New Guinea and the Solomons.

Speculation that large-scale naval fighting may break out in the Pacific was fanned by the announcement that Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. navy, has just completed an important conference with his Pacific commanders in Hawaii.

Gilbert Islands Eyed

Washington observers suggested the American attack might be aimed at the Gilbert Islands, about 2,500 miles southwest of Pearl Harbor, which flank the United States communication lines to the Solomons and Australia.

That the navy was ready for action on an unprecedented scale was indicated by the fact that the bulk of the fleet now is in the Pacific, including possibly six new 35,000-ton battleships of the South Dakota class and several even larger fighting units, such as the Iowa and New Jersey.

Meanwhile, Australian ground troops in New Guinea were reported making progress in an overland drive up the Ramu river valley toward Madang, a big Japanese coastal base 170 miles northwest of captured Finschhafen. The Australians broke through Japanese outposts Monday to capture positions about 60 miles below the base.

Fruit Harvest End About October 15

The fruit market of the valley will be completed around October 15, according to Assistant County Agent Clifford B. Cordy. Picking of the remaining boxes will be completed this week with the Winter Neills harvest well under way.

Threshing continues chiefly on the seed crops such as vetch, clover, alfalfa and ladino. Stock men have started bringing their cattle down from the summer ranges.

American Soldiers Fight in Cornwall

London, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—A free-for-all fight among American soldiers was disclosed today to have occurred in a Wiltshire village on Sept. 26, the same day on which two military policemen were wounded during an American shooting affray in a town in Cornwall.

A number of soldiers were injured in the Wiltshire battle, several of them seriously, when Negro and white troops fought with knives on the town's main street.

German Transport Believed Blown Up

Stockholm, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Norwegian sources said today that a German troop transport was believed to have gone down off south Norway Sept. 6, when "a great number" of dead men and horses washed ashore after a tremendous explosion.

The blast shook houses and broke windows along a big stretch of coastline. German patrols occupied the telephone and telegraph offices at Kristiansand, isolating the town for nearly three days.

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WAC LEUTENANT WAYLAIED, SLAIN NEAR AIR BASE

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 6.—(U.P.)

—The slaying of a brunette WAC lieutenant who was beaten to death only a stone's throw from a quiet residential street today gave military authorities and police a murder mystery which seemed to be without a motive.

The victim was Lt. Naomi Kathleen Cheney, 25, Jasper, Ala., who died about midnight Monday from blows inflicted with a heavy stone or other blunt instrument. She apparently was waylaid while walking from the

Sioux Falls army air base and either lured or carried into a wooded glen 60 feet from the street.

The manner of the slaying left authorities without a clue to the killer's motive. An autopsy disclosed that Lt. Cheney had not been raped. Her pocketbook was found propped against a tree two feet from the body. Authorities did not know whether money had been removed from it.

Military and civilian investigators said no arrests had been made, but it was learned that a man and his wife had been ordered picked up for questioning. It was not known whether they were wanted as suspects or possible witnesses.

Capt. E. E. Sells, public relations officer at the post where Lt. Cheney was stationed, said her death was "coldblooded murder."

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