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### Weather News

January 22—High 40, Low 28  
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Last year ..... 7.01 Normal ..... 5.62

# GIRL FOUND MURDERED ON TRAIN

## Tripoli Falls to British

### Nazi Legions Flee Across Libyan Border

By ROGER GREEN  
Associated Press War Editor

Fire-blackened Tripoli, the pride of Premier Mussolini's vanquished African empire, fell to the assault of British shock troops at 5 a. m. today and vanguards of the triumphant British 8th army lunged on in pursuit of Marshal Erwin Rommel's columns retreating into Tunisia. Sixty miles west of Tripoli, British warships today bombarded the small port of Zuara to cut off laggard axis legions which had not yet escaped into Tunisia.

The London admiral said light British naval forces shelled the port and set big fires.

"Our forward troops entered Tripoli early this morning," British headquarters announced. This united nations victory capped Prime Minister Churchill's 1940 pledge that the fascist empire in Africa would be torn "to tatters and shreds."

Paratroopers Dropped  
At least part of Rommel's battered forces, estimated at approximately 63,000 troops, had already fled across the Libyan frontier and were reported in contact with Col-Gen. Jürgen von Arnim's axis army behind the Mareth line, 85 miles inside Tunisia.

United nations headquarters in North Africa said German parachute troops were dropped behind the allied lines in Tunisia in a fruitless attempt to break up resistance to the axis tank thrust down the Kebir river and the Ousseltia valley.

Most of the nazi sky troops were quickly rounded up, it was announced.

Delaying Action  
German and allied ground forces continued to fight in the Ousseltia valley, below Pont du Fahs, while American and British (Continued on Page Four)

Nazi Strike Back  
The RAF had been over Germany on 12 previous nights this month, including the heavy attacks on Berlin last Saturday and Sunday.

German planes struck back by bombing several places in northeastern and southern England last night, but the raids were not on a heavy scale.

Yesterday swarms of British, American and allied planes made extensive sweeps over northern France and Belgium. (Continued on Page Four)

Fall of Tripoli Is Overwhelming Gain, Says Hull  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Secretary of State Hull said today that the fall of Tripoli to the British constituted one of the most overwhelming, outstanding and important victories of the war.

This government and the people of the United States rejoice in the achievements of the British eighth army in capturing the North African city from the axis forces, Hull asserted.

District offices of the OPA will be located in the Balsiger Motor company building at Main and Esplanade streets, it was announced late Friday by J. E. Stutevoss, district manager of the OPA.

Salesroom of the big garage building and four offices on the Esplanade street side will be used by the OPA, which will have about 50 employees in the district headquarters to be opened about February 1.

Stutevoss and Elmer Balsiger, head of the motor company, completed their transaction Friday, after several days in which Stutevoss canvassed the city for quarters for the district headquarters.

About 5000 square feet of space will be used for the OPA offices. The motor company will shift its offices within the building, using the Main street door for its business entrance. Operations of the shop, parts and other departments of the Balsiger company will be unaffected, it was stated by Balsiger.

OPA main entrance will be the Main and Esplanade street door.

Meanwhile, there was speculation here as to who would be chosen district manager of the OPA. In this connection, the name of Ed Ostendorf, retired auto dealer, was prominently mentioned. Ostendorf was in San Francisco.

Selection of the district office personnel is not expected to be made until the district manager is named. He is expected to play a major role in choosing the district staff.

The location of the district office here will not affect the war price and rationing board set-up near Fifth and Main streets.

### GOVERNMENT WHEAT STOCK UP FOR SALE

Vote on Flynn Nomination Scheduled for Wednesday

By The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Farm problems came to the fore again today in the capital, the government putting its vast stocks of wheat on the market to keep prices from climbing.

One day after the house agriculture committee began a fight to have farm parity computation revised upward to include farm labor costs, the 235,000,000 bushels of wheat held by the government were offered to all comers at prices equivalent to the parity level, as now figured, at the point of storage. The national average December 15 was \$1.37 a bushel.

Flynn Vote Coming  
Meanwhile, the senate foreign relations committee closed its hearings today on Edward J. Flynn's nomination to be minister to Australia after Flynn told it he would never have permitted the nomination had there been anything dishonorable in his life.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) announced that the committee would meet next Wednesday to vote on the question of recommending confirmation of the nomination.

Just before Flynn took the witness chair briefly as the last witness, Mayor La Guardia of New York testified that because of longstanding political bitterness between himself and Flynn he did not feel qualified to offer an unprejudiced opinion concerning Flynn's qualifications.

Guadalcanal Report  
Robert L. Moran, retired Bronx, N. Y., commissioner of public works who arranged the paving of Flynn's courtyard-parking lot, told the committee there was "nothing wrong" with the arrangement, in which New York City employees and materials were used.

He said private trucks were used, and that city employees did the work on their own time.

An investigation of another (Continued on Page Four)

City, County Schools Expected To Open Monday  
Both city and county schools, closed down by snow conditions, are expected to resume Monday, school officials said.

Arnold Grallapp, city school superintendent, said that all plans have been made for reopening classes on an "as usual basis." The same announcement was made from the office of County Superintendent Fred Peterson.

Arms Discovered in French Depot Cache  
LONDON, Jan. 23 (AP)—The Berlin radio, broadcasting a DNB (German news agency) dispatch from Paris, said today police of the Vichy French government had discovered eight tons of arms in two secret depots at Lyons yesterday, and had also made some arrests at Marseille.

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### Band Plays; Flier Dies



While musicians in the foreground at Camp Lee, Va., roll out the tempo for a battalion review, an army plane (top) plunges earthward from 5000 feet overhead. The pilot, Flight Officer Clayton W. Huntsman of Fillmore, Utah, gave his life in maneuvering the ship so that it crashed clear of men and buildings at the camp. Huntsman jumped when his crippled plane was only 30 feet from the ground. He was killed in the fall.

### Red Drive Into Caucasus Goes at Break-Neck Pace

LONDON, Jan. 23 (AP)—A Russian special communique recorded tonight by the soviet Monitor announced 17 enemy divisions, nine of them Hungarian, had been routed in nine days on the Voronezh front and also reported the capture of the important railway junction of Armevir, in the North Caucasus.

The communique said 12,000 axis soldiers were taken prisoner on the Voronezh front yesterday.

By HENRY C. CASSIDY  
MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (AP)—Soviet troops, smashing through the German defense lines along the Mancyh railway, have captured the railroad center and air base at Salsk, 100 miles south-

east of Rostov, and dispersed fresh German forces which for a time threatened to slow the Russian advance in southwestern sectors, dispatches from the front said today.

(The German high command said that its "disengagement movement in the northern Caucasus is proceeding according to plan." The high command communique, broadcast from Berlin, declared that a nazi counter-attack had driven the Russians eastward within the Don area. The invasion group trapped before Stalingrad was said to have halted the "deep enemy breach" in its western line.)

The German defenses before Salsk failed to halt the red army any more than the rear guard actions of axis units in the central Caucasus, it was reported, and the Russian advance now was said to be proceeding in both (Continued on Page Four)

### Investigations Into Dog Case Continue Here

Investigations continued Saturday in the case of the blinded dog, with Attorney Henry E. Perkins, representing the Humane society, collaborating with the district attorney's office.

Statements were taken at the D. A.'s office from two residents of the South Sixth street area where the dog, a male police, was found Wednesday night with his eyes apparently gouged out with a stick.

Perkins was making further investigations in that area Saturday afternoon.

Officers have picked up stories of cruelty to birds and dogs and are studying these as possible clues to the eye-gouging case. No criminal complaint has as yet been filed.

### War Bulletin

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 23 (AP)—A British submarine "operating in Mediterranean sea-ports" destroyed two enemy merchant ships and a schooner and drove an armed trawler ashore in sinking condition in attacks on a convoy southbound to Tunisia, a naval communique said today.

LONDON, Jan. 23 (AP)—U. S. Army Flying Fortresses attacked the German submarine bases at Lorlent and Brest in a daylight sweep over France today, it was announced tonight.

## Developments Waited Here in Knife Slaying

Law enforcement officers gathered this afternoon at the Southern Pacific depot here awaiting the arrival of the southbound West Coast Limited, on which Martha Brinson James, 21, wife of a navy ensign, was murdered in a tourist car berth near Tangent, Ore., early today.

Presence of the officials indicated expected developments here in the search for the slayer of the beautiful girl, who was following her husband's train to California from Seattle. Ensign James, whose train arrived here early in the afternoon, was informed here his wife's throat had been slashed and her dead body found in front of lower berth 13. The body was removed from the train at Eugene.

### HUSBAND LEARNS OF MURDER HERE

Ensign James Told Tragic News by SP Investigator

Southern Pacific Investigator C. W. Champlin, State Police Sergeant Earl Tichenor, District Attorney L. Orth Slesmore, George H. Adler, coroner, and other officials, were waiting at the depot for the West Coast, expected at about 3 p. m. Authorities are known to be searching for a dark man, possibly a suspect in the case. Rests may be made here.

EUGENE, Jan. 23 (AP)—State police were attempting to locate a man in a pin-striped suit, believed to be the slayer of attractive Martha Virginia Brinson James, 21-year-old wife of a naval ensign stationed in Seattle, Wash., who was found this morning dead in the aisle of a tourist sleeper of Southern Pacific's southbound West Coast train between Tangent and Eugene.

The young woman's body was found by trainmen in front of the lower 13 berth which she had occupied. Her throat had been cut by a blunt knife, which severed the jugular vein, according to Lane County Coroner Poole, who took the body off the train here.

She was en route from Seattle to Los Angeles, according to her ticket.

Police said she was the wife of Naval Ensign Richard F. James, stationed at the yard boatswain's office, U. S. naval station, Seattle, Wash. She was identified through a birth certificate in her luggage.

Robbery Not Motive  
The young woman was clad in nightdress, and had been stabbed while lying in her berth, the coroner investigation showed.

Dr. John Beaman, state police crime detection expert, was expected here this morning to (Continued on Page Four)

### "Bootleg Bands" Defy Petrillo Ban, Says Times

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—The New York Times says that late popular tunes are being recorded by "bootleg bands" operating under leaders using fictional names in defiance of the ban by James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians.

Tin Pan alley, the paper says, refers to this method of operation as the "underground release," and the story adds that such records are receiving distribution.

### Allies Smash Last of Papuan Japs; Nip Hold on Guadalcanal Slipping

By The Associated Press  
Japan's grasp on strategic Guadalcanal island appeared to be slipping today, with the enemy's original forces reported cut down from 15,000 to fewer than 4000, as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced the last organized Japanese resistance on the Papuan peninsula in New Guinea.

An allied communique said American and Australian jungle fighters overwhelmed the Japanese on Sanananda Point, wiping out more than 725 of the enemy. Japs Collapse

The count of Japanese dead was steadily rising as patrols combed the jungle, mopping up scattered remnants of the Sanananda garrison.

Field dispatches said Japanese resistance collapsed at 2:50 p. m. yesterday when the allies stormed into the last two enemy pockets on the peninsula coast northwest of Sanananda.

One Survivor  
Twenty-four hours earlier, hard-fighting American soldiers had cleaned out the main Japanese pocket two miles inland from the coast, where 475 enemy dead were counted.

At 7 a. m. yesterday, dispatches said, "33 Japanese attempted to escape from another small pocket, and the Americans killed 32 and imprisoned the lone survivor."

Reports from the front said 1200 Japanese casualties had been tallied in the Sanananda area so far, with 898 previously killed in the Gona area to make a total of 2100 enemy slain.

Quick Clean-Up  
As the bloody Papuan campaign ended, setting the stage for new allied offensives in northern New Guinea, Lieut.-Col. Lewis B. Fuller, US Marines, estimated that the Japanese on Guadalcanal had lost 11,000 men in land fighting since American "Leathernecks" stormed ashore on the island last August 7.

Col. Fuller, who was wounded seven times in fighting on the island, said he believed the surviving Japanese could be wiped out in 10 days with a full-scale offensive.

Bombers Strike  
A similar 15,000-man enemy army was reported annihilated in the New Guinea campaign, which began six months ago when the enemy landed at Gona and marched across the 120-mile-wide Papuan peninsula to withdrawal. (Continued on Page Four)

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TRIPOLI falls. Rommel flees on.

He is apparently headed for the strongly fortified Mareth line inside Tunisia, built by the French, and extending from the Mediterranean coast to Zarzis to the Matnatas mountains 60-odd miles inland.

There, it is expected, he will make his next stand.

BUT at the Mareth line he will still be more than 200 miles from Tunis and Bizerte, with his flank threatened ALL THE WAY by our forces in Africa.

The task that lies ahead of him still isn't an easy one.

FROM Tripoli to the Mareth line is roughly 150 miles. Rommel's army, estimated today at 63,000, seems to be strung out over the bulk of this distance. He HAS to stay strung out. He doesn't DARE concentrate. Massed men and trucks would be perfect targets for our airmen, who are hovering over him—like hungry hawks—over miles.

He must take this murderous pounding until he reaches the shelter of the Mareth guns. It is OPEN country, where concealment from the air is impossible.

AND don't forget that while Rommel seems likely to make a junction with the German forces keeping open the corridor to Tunis, Montgomery's pursuing 8th army will AT THE SAME TIME make a junction with our forces in Tunisia.

One junction will offset the other.

AT this point, we might as well give Rommel the credit that is due to an able enemy. He has retreated nearly 1300 miles before a superior foe and still has held his army together. History tells us that is a great achievement.

In all this 1300 miles, he has had little help from Hitler. That is a point of the UTMOST importance.

Hitler couldn't have permitted such a debacle, with all its attendant losses of precious prestige, if he'd had anything to spare to stop it with.

THAT tells the story as to Hitler. He has his hands full in Russia.

THE Russians are still going. They take Salsk, a junction on the southern rail route from Stalingrad to Rostov, and a base from which the trapped Germans at Stalingrad were being supplied by air.

To the north of Rostov they're within 10 miles of Voroshilovgrad, which is on a minor rail line connecting the Voronezh-Rostov and the Kharkov-Rostov main lines. If they can push on down this connecting line to its junction with the Kharkov-Rostov main line, they can cut Rostov off ENTIRELY from rail communication and support.

Your map will make this situation clear.

THIS dramatic dispatch comes today from "somewhere in New Guinea."

"Organized Japanese resistance in Papua (the Buna-Gona beach area) ENDED at 2:05 local time yesterday (Friday) when the last two pockets of the enemy force that once numbered 15,000 men were WIPE OUT by victorious American and Australian forces."

The dispatch adds: "As far as is known, the only remaining Japs in Papua are isolated soldiers wandering hopelessly in the swamps. These are being hunted down."

Batsan's bitter medicine has (Continued on Page Four)