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STALINGRAD NAZIS' DOOM SEALED

Yanks Menace Nazi Lines

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Germans admit today that they have practically completely lost their trapped army at Stalingrad, and refer to it with solemn pride as "the army of the dead."

THEY speak with some truth. The last-ditch stand of this German army, which DID fight instead of surrendering when it found itself surrounded, undoubtedly delayed the Russian advance and slowed up the taking of Rostov.

But the loss of a whole army, with 15 generals, headed by a field marshal, amounts to a serious defeat in any war.

HITLER's intuition slipped a cog at Stalingrad.

THE Russians up today to 330,000 their estimate of the army Hitler has lost. Their previous estimate had been 220,000.

They say 240,000 Germans are "buried" in the frozen sod between the Volga and the Don and 40,000 more have been captured.

Such losses can be made to spell no other word than calamity.

FROM boasts of victory, the Germans have turned suddenly to what amounts almost to boasts of defeat.

The change is so sharp that it arouses our suspicions, and we are inclined to look upon it as a reversal of the propaganda line.

Maybe. But don't forget that setbacks such as that suffered at Stalingrad can't be concealed from the people at home.

The German command is probably making the best of a bad situation.

WHAT is happening in Tunisia is still obscured by the censorship.

Montgomery's 8th army appears to be moving forward again. There is mention of German rear guard suicide squads left behind at Zuara to slow him up.

The Americans who pushed forward to Maknassy, only 33 miles from the Mediterranean coast at the Gulf of Gabes, appear to be still there, and there is mention of two American columns pushing forward to support them.

The Germans are fighting hard to keep open the gate for Rommel and when he gets there. You may be sure we're fighting to close it.

THE new German Mark VI tanks, weighing 52 tons, and mounting 88-millimeter guns protected by 7-inch armor, make their appearance in Tunisia, and the British claim to have wrecked two of them. How not stated.

MUSSOLINI makes a bombastic speech, asserting that Italy views the loss of Libya with "virile Roman calm" and will stay in the fight to the finish.

She'll HAVE to. Hitler, who has her by the throat, will see to that.

NAVY SECRETARY KNOX, back from a trip to the South Seas, including the Solomons, thinks the Japs have finally abandoned the idea of reinforcing their troops on Guadalcanal.

AMERICAN SUBS STRIKE HEAVY BLOWS AT JAPS

Japs Conjure Up Tale Of New Sea-Air Battle

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—American submarines operating in the Pacific have struck new and spectacular blows at Japanese shipping, the navy announced over the weekend.

In a communique Saturday night the navy said United States undersea craft sunk six Japanese ships, including a destroyer, and damaged a seventh. One large tanker and four medium-sized cargo ships were listed as Japanese losses. Another medium-sized enemy cargo vessel was damaged.

The communique reported also that American Flying Fortresses bombed Kahili in the Shortland island group. The navy said results of the raid "were not observed."

The latest navy report on undersea warfare raised to 177 the number of Japanese vessels successfully attacked. Of these, navy communiques have listed 123 as sunk, 22 probably sunk and 32 damaged.

By The Associated Press The Japanese radio was conjuring up a one-sided story today of a new air-sea battle off the southern Solomon islands in which the Tokyo navy minister, Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, said Japanese planes sank two battleships and three cruisers and damaged another battleship and cruiser.

There was no confirmation from any other source that such an engagement had taken place, and the Japanese version, which acknowledged the loss of ten planes, made no mention of any (Continued on Page Two)

House Gets Klamath Salary Boost Bill

SALEM, Feb. 1 (AP)—Salaries of Klamath county officers would be increased by \$300 a year by a bill introduced in the house today by the Klamath county senate and house delegations.

Officers affected would be the county sheriff, judge, assessor, clerk, treasurer, commissioners, and the Linkville justice of the peace.

If the salary bill passes as introduced, Klamath officials will receive the following monthly pay: sheriff, \$275; judge, \$225; clerk, \$225; commissioners, \$175; assessor, \$225; Linkville justice of the peace, \$225.

Thirty Die as Flames Raze Sanitarium in Washington

SEATTLE, Feb. 1 (AP)—The casualty list of yesterday's suburban sanitarium fire today stood at 30 dead and one missing, and authorities listed 17 survivors—10 of them burned or otherwise injured—in what was the worst fire disaster in this area.

Most of the patients were old-age pensioners, some ill, and a few mental cases.

The first tongues of fire licked at a lower floor of the Lake Forest Park sanitarium shortly after noon yesterday. Almost in a matter of seconds the entire structure, privately operated by Miss Marjorie Westberg, was a mass of flame.

J. C. Booke, district fire commissioner, said that when he

was called the fire was "just a smoke" but before he could reach the sanitarium a mile and a half away, the building was engulfed.

The repairman, M. R. Baird, told Prosecuting Attorney Lloyd P. Shorett that as he finished his task of connecting an outside tank to an oil heater, he lit a match. The head flew off, he said, landing in a pile of waste near the heater.

"In 15 seconds," Baird added, "the whole room was in flames."

Lee Fleetwood, a sanitarium kitchen helper, told how "the furnace man came running upstairs and asked for a pail of water." When the water was (Continued on Page Two)



Pvt. Roy Karrer of Klamath Falls is held prisoner in the Philippines, according to word received from the war department Sunday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Karrer.

PVT. ROY KARRER REPORTED CAPTIVE

Youth, Reported Missing at Bataan, Located

A wire from the war department Sunday brought the heartening news to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Karrer of 345 Nevada street, that their son, Roy, previously reported as missing, is a prisoner of war in the Philippines.

Last word from their son, who dropped out of sight when Bataan fell, was received here in a Christmas cablegram from Manila in 1941.

Roy, 18 years old, was stationed at Ft. Stotsenberg in the Philippines. He was a member of Battery A, National Guard, in Klamath Falls, mobilized with the Grants Pass outfit, and later transferred to the 194th tank battalion, U. S. army.

He sailed for the Philippines on September 8, 1941. Roy is a Pelican grade school graduate and was a junior at Klamath Union high school when he left for the service.

He is ranked as a private.

No Clues Reported On Lost Airplane

TACOMA, Feb. 1 (AP)—No substantial clues as to the whereabouts of a plane or its crew reported lost in the Burns, Ore., area have yet been uncovered, McChord field officials announced last night. Reports were that the plane had been seen abandoned near Burns.

Japanese Battalion In U. S. Army Gets Commander's Praise

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—There's a whole battalion of Japanese soldiers in the United States army and "I've never had more whole-hearted, serious-minded cooperation from any troops," their commanding officer, Lt.-Col. Farrant L. Turner said today.

The outfit is the 100th infantry battalion made up entirely of men of Japanese ancestry who are United States citizens and were born in the Hawaiian islands. Many of their officers also are of Japanese ancestry.

Organized originally as a unit of the Hawaiian national guard the men of the battalion, although not stationed at Pearl Harbor when war started, lost many relatives and friends there.

Five Army Fliers Die in Training Plane Crack-up

MIDLAND, Tex., Feb. 1 (AP)—Five army fliers were killed in the crash of a navigation training plane 18 miles east of Midland last night.

The plane, whose station was Mather Field, Calif., was en route from Williams Field, Ariz., to Midland on a training mission. Cause of the crash had not been determined. The bodies were brought here.

LONG-AWAITED OFFENSIVE IS BELIEVED NEAR

Air Power Supports Growing Land Action

By ALFRED E. WALL LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP)—United States troops were stabbing at German positions in three central Tunisian sectors today in aerially screened operations that may lead to the long-awaited general offensive and the final battle for North Africa.

British forces in the Robaa area to the north met and repulsed a German attack led by 52-ton tanks, the monstrous new Mark VI's, which are shielded by seven-inch-thick armor and mount 88-millimeter guns. The British wrecked two of the Mark VI's and four lighter tanks.

Plane Support The British eighth army moved westward again less than 35 miles from the frontier of Tunisia, following patrols which already have spread into the French protectorate, further shortening the corridor left to Marshal Rommel and Col. Gen. Jürgen von Arnim.

United States and British planes supported ground troops in the fighting zones, smashed anew at Bizerte and Gabes and ranged across the Mediterranean to pound the naval base of Messina, Sicily, and points within Italy herself.

U. S. Action A spokesman at allied headquarters in North Africa told of the three American attacks, one a continuing effort to regain Faid pass, 60 miles west of Stax, and the others directed from north and west against Maknassy, German-held rail town to the south, 33 miles from the gulf of Gabes.

United States troops supported by bombers and fighters attacked again and again in an effort to regain Faid pass, which the Germans seized during a six-mile advance Saturday, but met heavy artillery and Stuka opposition, and at (Continued on Page Two)

Folkes Makes Detailed Statement Corroborating James Slaying Confession

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Robert E. Lee Folkes, Arkansas-born 20-year-old cook on a Southern Pacific Limited train, made a detailed statement corroborating an earlier confession that he killed Mrs. Martha Virginia James as she lay in berth lower 13 nine days ago, District Attorney Harlow L. Weinrick said today.

Weinrick said the Los Angeles negro, a veteran of three years' service in the railroad's dining car service, would be arraigned before Justice of the Peace Victor Olliver at 2 p. m. today.

This arraignment will determine, Weinrick said, whether Folkes will desire a preliminary hearing which in turn will determine whether Folkes will be held for the Linn county grand jury.

Folkes, who arrived here yesterday from Los Angeles, where he was arrested after the train arrived there at the end of its run through Oregon and California, refused at first to make any statement, Weinrick said.

Folkes said he took this stand on the advice of Walter Gordon, Los Angeles, prominent negro attorney.

After long hours of questioning last night and early today, Folkes reiterated his earlier confession to Los Angeles police and went into more detailed explanation of how he killed Mrs. James. (Continued on Page Two)

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No more pints or half pints for home or retail store delivery, under an order by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard. The idea is to save bottles, manpower and delivery equipment so that distributors can pay dairy farmers more, where necessary, without increasing the consumer price.

Stalingraders Forsake Caves for Home City

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Two columns are moving steadily in this Volga city, one composed of hundreds of Germans who have capitulated or been captured and the other made up of former citizens of Stalingrad coming in by sledge, on horse-back and afoot, soviet accounts said.

Malin Man With Fortress in England



This picture shows First Lieutenant Ehle Reber (left) son of County Commissioner and Mrs. John Reber of Malin, and other members of the crew of the Flying Fortress "Jerry Jinx" at an English field preparing for a daylight raid. The picture was widely used in British newspapers and appeared on the cover of the New York Times Magazine. Writing his parents, Lieut. Reber said that his outfit is so bulky he needs help getting into it. The high-flying kit includes fleecy lined jacket and boots, heavy coveralls, caps, parachutes and Mae West life preserver. With Lieut. Reber in the picture are Lieutenants J. J. Byron of Durant, Okla., R. J. Swindle of Walnut Ridge, Ark., and A. D. Mitchell of Rogers, Neb.

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Many appalling sights were described. The sidewalks were littered with German corpses. There were broken houses,

Reds Capture Commander, 15 Generals

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Feb. 1 (AP)—The powerful German siege force of 330,000 men which Adolf Hitler boasted never would be ousted from Stalingrad has been almost completely liquidated and its commander, Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus, with 15 generals, has been captured, the Russians announced today.

Of the 330,000 nazi soldiers who pushed so confidently and swiftly across the Don river last summer to seize Stalingrad for Hitler, at least 240,000 are buried in the frozen sod between the Volga and the Don and 46,000 more are under guard of their red army captors, a special soviet communique said.

The figure of 330,000 itself was a revision upward of the size of the siege force, the previous estimate being 220,000. Field Marshal Paulus, whose promotion from the rank of colonel general was announced only yesterday by Berlin, thus was the commanding officer at the worst defeat Germany has suffered in Russia. He likewise was the first German field marshal in this war to break the proud tradition of the German army that generals and their superiors are never captured.

Some 44,000 Germans still clung to the blackened buildings of North Stalingrad and

LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP)—A special Russian communique recorded here by the soviet monitor announced tonight the capture of the large railway station and town of Svatovo on the line from Kopyansk to Voroshilovgrad in the offensives threatening Rostov and Kharkov.

Svatovo is 34 miles southeast of Kopyansk, itself a key railway junction on the approaches to Kharkov. The town lies 87 miles southeast of the great steel city of the Ukraine, the hinge of the whole German front in South Russia.

Other troops farther north stand within 75 miles of Kharkov, and some 50 miles deep in the Ukraine.

The shell-pitted outskirts, the Russians said, but they were cut off from supplies and the real front had swept far to the west behind them before the powerful blows of the red army.

(The mid-day communique of the soviet information bureau recorded by the soviet radio monitor in London said more than 900 of these 44,000 Germans were killed last night as the red army circle was drawn more tightly around them. In addition, more prisoners were captured, the communique said, and large quantities of war material taken.)

Villages Taken (Further progress was reported from other sectors of the (Continued on Page Two)

Inquisitive Goat Sends Olene Child To KF Hospital

An inquisitive and persistent goat sent five-year-old Nancy Fearrien of Olene, to Klamath Valley hospital where she was treated Saturday evening for a fractured right arm.

Nancy's mother, Mrs. Willis Fearrien, was posing the little girl with twin calves. The pet goat insisted on getting in the picture and, when repulsed by the child, breaking her arm.

Outside of an arm in a cast, Nancy is doing nicely.

Storm Warnings Go Up Again

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP) The weather bureau announced today that storm warnings were hoisted at 3 a. m. from Port Angeles, Wash., to Newport on the Oregon coast.

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