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COSSACK CAPITAL FALLS TO REDS

Nelson Warns Business

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE throb of suppressed excitement—like savage tom-toms beating in the jungle—that was so clearly perceptible in the dispatches yesterday has so far failed to result in big headline news.

But great possibilities are shaping up.

VATUTIN'S west-bound column, paced by its spearhead of tanks, ski sleds, ski troops and tommygunners, has reached and TAKEN Loozovaya, thus CUTTING the Kharkov-Crimea main-line railroad.

If it can push on 60 miles south to Sinehnikovo, it can cut the LAST east and west main line railroad supplying the remaining German armies at Rostov and in the Caucasus, leaving only roundabout, MINOR rail lines temporarily open to the Germans.

You know by this time the tremendous importance of railroads in the Russian fighting.

AT Sinehnikovo (if he gets there) Vatutin will be only 40 miles from Dnepropetrovsk, on the Dnieper river, where CLEAR BACK IN 1941 the Russians' forced destruction of the great 110 million dollar power dam so badly frightened us.

That will give you an idea of what the Russians are doing this winter.

THERE are continued hints today of a German Dunkerque at the south of the icy Kerch strait, with the Russian Black Sea fleet, supported by land-based planes, closing in to smash flotillas of boats in which the Germans are trying to escape to the Crimea.

THE Germans are facing in Russia the possibility of a disaster equal in magnitude to Napoleon's.

(BUT we mustn't jump to wrong conclusions. History tells us that AFTER his Russian debacle Napoleon managed to fight on for more than two years. We can't assume that because of what is shaping up in Russia the end of the war in Europe is in sight.)

BUT we can safely assume that if what is in the making in Russia materializes Hitler's OFFENSIVE power will be broken. The desperado will then be surrounded, as Dillinger finally was, and all that will remain will be the task of going in and GETTING him.

YESTERDAY our side seemed to be all set in Africa and ready to move in on the tip of Tunisia. Our big shots were preparing us for the heavy casualties certain to accompany the finish fight that seemed to be starting.

Today we learn that bad weather has intervened and may postpone the expected showdown for a MONTH or more.

SUCH is war. Remember that at Waterloo Napoleon wanted to postpone the fight until the weather was favorable for him, but Wellington wouldn't let him wait. Weather is one of war's fundamentals.

REMEMBER that our big shots are talking (when they talk) for the enemy's benefit—trying all the time to FOOL him. Surprise is another of war's fundamentals.

DROP by drop, news of the big South Pacific sea and air fight that kept us on edge for (Continued on Page Two)

YANKS SINK 3 DESTROYERS IN SOLOMONS

Dispatch Reveals Nip Loss in Evacuation Attempts

By The Associated Press

American bombers and torpedo planes were officially credited today with sinking three Japanese destroyers and crippling at least four others in a double-barreled attack on enemy warships desperately attempting to evacuate their troops from Guadalcanal the first week in February.

Delayed dispatches from the prize island, now completely in American hands after the annihilation of a 15,000-man Japanese army, said U. S. planes first attacked 20 destroyers of the Japanese "escape flotilla" near New Georgia island, February 4.

1000 Evacuated

American dive-bombers scored three direct hits on one destroyer, sinking it in three minutes, and two other destroyers were damaged. Seventeen Japanese Zero fighters, attempting to screen the warships, were shot down, against 10 American planes listed as missing. Dispatches said the rest of (Continued on Page Two)

1000 Japs Die In Attempt to Capture Wau

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Feb. 12 (AP)—Allied troops have decisively defeated a large Japanese force which attempted to capture Wau, New Guinea, on January 30 and the enemy is retreating toward Mubo, leaving approximately 1000 men dead on the battlefield, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

Total enemy casualties, including wounded, probably are many times the number of known dead, while allied losses have been relatively light, the announcement said.

Defeat of the Japanese forces was accomplished in a series of (Continued on Page Two)

Men Volunteer Aid in Red Cross Project

A movement among men of the city to come to the aid of the Red Cross surgical dressing program was reported Friday.

Led by E. B. Hall, the first exalted ruler of the lodge, Elks numbering a score or more volunteered Thursday night to go to work Monday night on making surgical dressings.

Several men of the Kiwanis club are also expected to work that night. The men will gather at the Red Cross headquarters, on Main street near Fourth, at 7 p. m.

Mrs. R. R. Macartney, who has charge of the surgical dressing program, expressed warm appreciation. (Continued on Page Two)

8 DIE AS ARMY BOMBER CRASHES

One of Crew 'Chutes To Safety; Names Not Released

ROSWELL, N. M., Feb. 12 (AP)—Eight of nine crew members of an army heavy bomber from Biggs field, El Paso, Tex., were killed today in a crash five miles north of Roswell.

One of the crew parachuted safely to the ground.

Beyond the fact the plane was on a routine training flight, there was no further information available from official sources. Names of those killed will be released when next of kin have been notified.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12 (AP)—The toll of the crash of a royal air force ferry command bomber in Newfoundland Tuesday night increased to 19 dead last night with the death of one of the injured, ferry command officials announced today.

Three of the dead were Americans: F. A. Dugan, a captain navigator in the RCAF, of New Orleans, La.; R. M. Lloyd, a captain in the RCAF, of Hollywood, Calif.; and J. Stagner, an RCAF captain navigator of Dallas, Tex.

Dugan, formerly with the Delta Airlines in the United States, was said to have broken all records last year for flying the Atlantic with freight, diplomatic mail and government (Continued on Page Two)

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CASUALTIES IN NON-ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY SEEN

Further Rationing Will Be Inevitable, Says WPB Chief

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Congress had a blunt warning from Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board today that \$80,000,000,000 worth of guns, planes, tanks and ships cannot be produced this year without widespread business casualties in non-essential industries, which will lead to further rationing.

Nelson was disclosed to have told the senate military committee in a closed hearing on manpower needs that the necessity of funneling a net of 1,800,000 additional workers into the munitions plants will have serious repercussions on the home front.

Reduce Products

The contraction of manpower in less essential industries and a prospective increase of 4,300,000 in the armed forces may be such, Nelson testified, that further rationing may be forced even where materials are available.

"We will have to reduce the amount of clothing produced and (Continued on Page Two)

Meat Ration to Be Equal for All Persons

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Babies, children and adults all will get the same meat allowance when the rationing plan goes into operation, now expected about March 28.

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FDR Will Seek Fourth Term, Martin Predicts

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12 (AP)—Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R-Mass.) said today he believed President Roosevelt would seek a fourth term but that he would be defeated.

The house minority leader, here to address a Lincoln Day dinner tonight, pointed to Republican gains in the last congressional election to substantiate his prediction of victory for the party in 1944.

"The country definitely is republican at the moment," he said at a press conference.

War Bulletin

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Swift Mosquito bombers raided northwest Germany, Belgium and France during daylight today, it was announced authoritatively.

Fighters at the same time attacked targets in Holland, Belgium and northern France. One fighter was lost in the sweeps.

OPA Gets District Office Set-Up in Shape



Furniture has been moved in and the new OPA district office in the Balsiger building is showing advance indications of the busy activity expected there after the formal opening February 15.

SOLONS ORGANIZE ON FARM PRICES

Administration Agricultural Policy to Be Probed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Farm state senators organized today to enlist public pressure for higher farm prices and to investigate administration agricultural policies which they contend will cause food shortages by the end of the year.

Chairman Smith (D-S.C.) of the agriculture committee announced that a subcommittee had voted to call Secretary of Agriculture Wickard early next week as the first witness at hearings which the South Carolinian said would expose "the peril in which administration farm policies have placed our food program."

Wickard will be followed later by heads of every government agency concerned with the production, transportation and distribution of food, here and abroad, Smith said.

"We are going to blow the lid off so the public will know the desperate outlook for food production due to price-fixing, the manpower shortage and the lack of farm machinery," Smith said.

"The people are fed up with policies that won't feed them and this committee is fed up with the habit of saying, 'yes sir, Mr. Boss,' to every bureaucrat downtown."

The senator commented that a fellow senator told him of paying 49 cents a pound for pork chops in Washington "which sold at the packing house for 29 cents and on which the freight charge was a cent and a quarter a pound."

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Lee Jacobs Joins OPA Office Staff

Lee Jacobs, for many years manager of the Mason-Ehrman wholesale grocery house here and more recently connected with the local radio station, is joining the OPA district office staff to handle work in connection with food rationing, it was learned Friday.

Jacobs has already gone to work at the OPA office, which is in process of establishment in the Balsiger building across from The Herald and News offices.

Tom Thorne, long-time tire man for the Balsiger Motor company, is taking a place on the staff to handle tire repair for the district.

No formal announcement of personnel appointments have been made as yet. Ed Ostendorf, retired auto dealer, is acting as a special consultant and is prominently mentioned as a probability for the district chief.

Eugene Police Tackle "Baby On Doorstep" Story

EUGENE, Feb. 12 (AP)—Eugene police today were attempting to unravel a "baby on the doorstep" story.

The infant, a boy only a few months old, was discovered on his doorstep last night by Dr. Norman K. Tully, Presbyterian pastor, when he answered the ring at 10:45 p. m.

The boy was wrapped in a blue blanket, wore a blue sweater and cap, and was accompanied by a \$1 bill and a note which said:

"Please take care of my baby for me. I am unable to do so and my husband was killed in an automobile accident and I am all alone and stranded. If you do not take him please find a good Christian home for him. Please do the best you can for him and God bless you. The dollar was given to the baby so I am leaving it with you. He is a very good baby, and very healthy."

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found. Planes flying over the Enterprise region indicated the army was concentrating a search hereabouts and civil authorities said they would make ground checks of all crash reports as rapidly as possible.

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Mrs. Ray and her infant daughter are at the army air base. Also awaiting word there is the wife of the co-pilot of the bomber.

WEATHER DELAYS AFRICAN DRIVE

Unification of Allied Command Clears Way

By DANIEL DE LUCE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 12 (AP)—Unification of the allied command in North Africa cleared the way today for an all-out offensive to drive the axis from Tunisia, but observers believed that bad weather might delay the final showdown a month or six weeks more.

Storms swept rain and snow across most of the Tunisian front yesterday and communications issued both here and in Cairo disclosed no change in the military situation.

Light bombers attacked enemy targets at Sene, the rail town 20 miles west of Maknassy which an American task force captured and then evacuated last week. The Cairo bulletin told of patrolling and restricted aerial operations which included the destruction of an axis seaplane anchored off the coast of Sicily.

(The British radio, elaborating on a Reuters report that British (Continued on Page Two)

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WALLA WALLA, Feb. 12 (AP)—The heavy bomber with a crew of ten aboard was still missing from Walla Walla army air field at noon today, Lt. Jesse C. Boes (Continued on Page Two)

CENTRAL DON ARMIES DRIVE ON RAIL HUB

Pitched Battles Rage On Shores of Black Sea

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Krasnodar, capital of the Kuban Cossack region, 180 miles southwest of Rostov, fell to the Russian army of the western Caucasus today, a special Russian communiqué broadcast from Moscow and recorded here by the soviet monitor said tonight.

The Russians also announced the capture of Shakhty, a large town on the Rostov-Lik-haya railway, 45 miles north of Rostov.

Krasnoarmeiskaya and Voroshilovsk also were captured, the special communiqué said.

Nazi Claims

The fall of Krasnodar left the Germans in possession of only one city south of menaced Rostov, the Black sea naval base of Novorossiisk.

The Germans have said for several days that Russians have landed near Novorossiisk, and earlier today the Berlin communiqué said the Russian Black sea fleet had vainly tried to better its way into the port.

Krasnodar lies 65 miles east of Novorossiisk and is the hub of railways leading to Tikhoretsk, Kropotkin, Novorossiisk and Taimoshevsk.

By ROGER GREENE

Associated Press War Editor

Col. Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's central Don armies were reported driving ahead within 60 miles of the great hydro-electric power city of Dnepropetrovsk in the Ukraine today after a 35-mile advance, while in the Caucasus a series of pitched battles raged on the shores of the Black sea.

Dnepropetrovsk is on the Dnieper river, where the Germans are expected to attempt a stand after being thrown back hundreds of miles from Stalin-grad.

Besides savage fighting on both sides of Novorossiisk, German-held "escape port" on the Black sea, Nazi headquarters reported that Russian warships at (Continued on Page Two)

Indian Women Tangle in City Jail Thursday

An old grudge between two Beatty Indian women was almost settled out of court when Etta May Chocktoot administered such a beating to Pauline Riddle in the women's section of the city jail Thursday night, that charges against Etta May are being withheld pending the outcome of Pauline's condition.

Chief Earl Heuvel said the girls were arrested on charges of drunk and disorderly but were not together until they were placed in the cell. Full of fire water, the two tangled and Etta May proceeded to give her cellmate a sound beating, Heuvel said. She told officers she was settling an old score. Chief Heuvel had gone to the jail to release a third Indian woman when he found Etta May giving Pauline the trouncing.

The Riddle woman was moved to a local hospital, given first aid, and then rushed to the Klamath Agency hospital by Ward's ambulance. Late Thursday night little hope was held for her recovering although she was said slightly improved Friday. Pauline received a possible skull fracture, internal hurts, facial lacerations and multiple bruises.

House Gets Klamath Salary Measure

SALEM, Feb. 12 (AP)—The senate passed a house bill today increasing salaries of Klamath county officers by \$200 a year.