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American And French Forces Driving Ahead Along 30 Mile Front

Reach Banks Of Rapido River Which Runs Through Casino; Americans Take Important Hill Position; Allied Airmen Smash German Messerschmitt Factory In Austria

By WES GALLAGHER
Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Attacking along a 30-mile front, American and French troops of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army reached the steep banks of the Rapido river which runs through Cassino, and have begun battering assaults on the Gustav defense line, main barricade to Rome. Allied headquarters announced today.

The exact penetration where American troops finally pushed up to the Rapido, which runs almost due north and south at Cassino, was not announced. Previously, however, U. S. infantrymen had stormed and captured Mt. Trocchio, the last high ground before Cassino, whose peak is but two miles from the town, and it was possible that they had thrust on down the slopes to Cassino itself.

The French of Gen. Alphonse Juin also smashed through precipitous hills and mountains in the spiny Apennines to reach the upper Rapido having previously captured the village of Cardito and another of the many Mt. Croce which dot the Italian terrain. Mt. Croce the French were 9 to 10 miles north of Cassino and only slightly east. Lower down the line, however, where they had reached to within two miles of the mountain village of Sant'Elia they were but five miles from Cassino.

The Rapido's high banks have been converted by the Germans into one of the features of their Gustav line. It has been studded with guns, weapon pits, dugouts and traps, as have the hills and rocky ledges behind it.

The Mediterranean air war flared with increasing violence as flying fortresses hit the German Messerschmitt factory at Klagenfurt, Austria, 75 miles northeast of Trieste and 150 miles southwest of Vienna. Gen. Ira C. Eaker's airmen in this theater thus joining the British-based American and Allied air forces in the campaign to knock the German air force flat, shot their fighters to meet at their objective and left the factory sheds and railway sidings a bomb-scrambled mess. P-38 Lightning escorts and fighters gunned got four of the enemy fighters.

After peering through the smoke and flame that covered the plant (Continued on Page Two)

Week's Civil Term Court In Session

Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford convened a week's civil term of Superior court here today. There are 25 actions for divorce on the calendar for hearing.

Judge John J. Burney of Wilmington, will convene week's criminal term of court here next Monday. Those retiring grand jury's report of a serious investigation of county tax matters is expected to be made at this time. Eighteen new grand jurors are to be selected.

A civil action instituted by J. A. Tripp against J. Paul Davenport, Sr., involving a drainage ditch, was settled out of court, it was stated at the court house.

Social Security Board Recommends Medical Aid

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Social Security Board recommended for the first time today federal insurance to cover doctor and hospital bills.

In its eighth annual report to congress, the board said such insurance should allow a person to choose his own doctor or hospital and preserve personal relationships between physicians and their patients.

It also should maintain professional leadership, the board said, guarantee the continued independence of non-governmental hospitals, and insure to doctors and hospitals an adequate financial return—very probably more nearly adequate than that in customary circumstances.

The proposal was made as a part of a "comprehensive unified system" of social security which the board, headed by Arthur J. Altmeyer, believes ought to be adopted to get ready for the "sharp and sudden" social changes which it says are around the corner.

The program outlined today includes the following provisions which the board has advocated before: Extension of the present social security system to about 20,000,000 more persons such as farmers, domestics and the self-employed; in-

EISENHOWER IN ENGLAND Allied Commander Rushing Plans For Invasion

By LEWIS HAWKINS
London, Jan. 17.—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, here to command the invasion of western Europe, told correspondents today he was taking over the Allied reins with the job already well advanced by the great work of the air, naval and supply forces.

It was disclosed at the same time that Lt.-Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who served under Eisenhower as commander of the second American army corps in Tunisia, had become senior commander of American ground forces in the United Kingdom—possibly the U. S. counterpart to Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of British ground forces for the invasion.

At Algiers, Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson also focused new attention on the invasion in his first public appearance as commander of the Mediterranean area. He said the object of the Italian campaign is to capture Rome, but that the Mediterranean front extends from the Balkans to the Pyrenees and attacks might be made anywhere along it, including southern France.

Gen. Eisenhower expressed the greatest satisfaction with the lieutenant assigned him for the job of smashing into Hitler's fortress. He stressed to a press conference that his is to be an Allied command of national operations, with questions of national prestige subordinated to military efficiency.

Eisenhower's arrival was announced yesterday by the newly established "Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force," which disclosed that he had conferred with Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt en route from Britain from the Mediterranean, where he recently has been in command.

The bulletin—first to be issued (Continued on Page Two)

Ten Counties Will Meet Bond Quotas

W. H. Woolard, War Finance Committee chairman for Region 1, including 16 northeastern counties, recently completed a visitation with the War Bond chairmen in 10 counties and they assured the Greenville banker that their counties will go over the top with their quotas by the War Bond drive which begins January 18 and ends February 15, he stated today. These counties are Martin, Bertie, Hertford, Gates, Pasquotank, Camden, Perquimans, Chowan, Currituck and Washington.

Woolard will visit the War Bond chairmen of the other counties, Hyde, Tyrrell, Greene, Pitt, Beaufort and Dare during this drive. Of this amount, people of the district are expected to buy \$2,987,000 of 'E' bonds, which cost \$18.75 each and return \$25 in 10 years. Pitt county's quota is \$1,811,000. The people are expected to buy \$712,600 of 'E' bonds in this quota.

War Bonds bought by banks will not be credited to this drive, Mr. Woolard stated. Individuals will be called upon to buy the bulk of the Fourth War Bonds issue, it is understood.

James A. Griffin Killed By Auto

A coroner's jury late Saturday night exonerated Pfc. Lyle S. Brown, Marine from New River, in connection with the death several hours earlier of James A. Griffin, patent medicine vendor, who was killed while crossing upper Dickinson avenue.

According to testimony at the inquest, Griffin was crossing the street. When he saw Brown's car coming he hesitated and then started to run. The car struck him and hurled his body into the air. It was badly mangled. Ellwanger's ambulance took Griffin to the hospital, but he was dead on arrival. Police investigation indicated that the accident was unavoidable in attempting to avoid striking the man. Brown's car crashed into a fire hydrant. He surrendered to police. Coroner Griffin H. Rouse promptly impaled a jury. The Marine was released.

Funeral services for Griffin were conducted at Wilkerson funeral home at 3 o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Griffin was born in Spartanburg, S. C. He came to North Carolina when he was a child. He had been living in Greenville for the past 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lela Koonce Griffin; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Griffin of Greenville; a sister, Mrs. M. P. Page of Greenville, and two brothers, Willie Griffin of Selma and John Griffin of Kinston.

Tennessee Private Brings In Three Of Goering's Recruits



Pfc. Ira O. Creed of Johnson City, Tenn., (left), who single-handedly captured three recruits of the famous Herman Goering division behind a rock on the Mt. Porchia, Italy, battlefield, marches his prisoners toward a war camp near the front. The Dar Department says the prisoners were on front line duty for only one night and claimed to have had very little infantry training. (AP Wirephoto via Signal Corps radio).

Rumor Says Britain Seeking Separate Peace With Nazis

U. S. WILLING TO MEDIATE

Would Work To Restore Russo-Polish Peace

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The American government has advised the Soviet government of its willingness to work for restoration of good relations between Russia and Poland. Secretary Hull disclosed today and is hopeful that such relations may be resumed.

The secretary disclosed at a press conference that a dispatch to that effect had been sent to Moscow. His disclosure followed directly on an authoritative report from Moscow protesting against the Polish government's attitude toward the settlement of a Russo-Polish dispute over old Polish lands on which the Red army is now fighting.

The American expression of willingness to use its good offices in restoring relations was presented to the Moscow government by Ambassador W. Averell Harriman to whom a dispatch from Washington was forwarded on Saturday evening. The American government's action, Hull said results from its receipt of an official request of the Polish government on January 14 in which the Poles asked London to call upon the United States to undertake "intermediary discussions" of outstanding questions between the two eastern European nations.

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Cairo Report Says Two English Officials Conferred Secretly With Von Ribbentrop about Terms

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
Moscow, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Pravda published a Cairo report today that two English officials had conferred secretly with German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop to find terms for a separate peace with Germany, and added:

"It is understood the meeting did not remain without results." The 10-line dispatch, published at the top of Pravda's foreign news page under the heading, "Rumors from Cairo," said the meeting "had the aim of finding out the conditions of a separate peace with the Germans."

It took place "in one of the seacoast cities of the Pyrenees peninsula—apparently Spanish or Portuguese—according to the official Communist party newspaper's report.

"Cairo, Jan. 12.—(By Special Correspondent of Pravda)—According to information from reliable Greek and Yugoslav sources, a secret meeting took place recently in one of the seacoast cities of the Pyrenees peninsula between two English officials and von Ribbentrop.

"The meeting had the aim of finding out the conditions of a separate peace with the Germans. It is understood the meeting did not remain without results."

(Class broadcast the report, saying the meeting was in a "coastal Pyrenees" city.) (Continued on Page Four)

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AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE (Associated Press War Analyst)
Certainly disconcerting but not necessarily of great significance is the grape-vine rumor published by the Communist party newspaper Pravda in Moscow to the effect that two English officials had conferred secretly with German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop in one of the seacoast cities of the Pyrenees peninsula and that this "meeting did not remain without results."

The only point of importance is why Pravda should publish such a rumor. Both the American and British governments have given their bond that they will not make a separate peace with the Axis powers until a solution of the mystery of the Polish reply to Moscow's offer to negotiate, the territorial dispute on the basis of the Curzon boundary? The Soviet government has interpreted the Polish answer as a repudiation of its offer and has declined to negotiate with the Polish government in exile on the grounds that diplomatic relations have been interrupted.

Nobody outside Moscow knows the solution to our puzzle. Therefore we must wait for Moscow to clear it up.

Allied diplomacy sustained one setback over the week-end but at the same time appears to have achieved success in another direction. The setback is in connection with the Russo-Polish territorial dispute. The Poles on Friday, replying to the Soviet offer to negotiate on the basis of the Curzon line—that is, the same border established by the Red army of occupation in 1939—asked for Anglo-American mediation.

Moscow's reply was that the Poles have ignored the Curzon line offer, and the Soviet declared that it cannot negotiate officially with the Polish government in exile in view of the fact that diplomatic relations have been broken. Observers glean some hope from the fact that the Muscovites didn't say they wouldn't negotiate with a reconstituted Polish government, opening of negotiations may depend on the elimination of cabinet officials whom the Russians dislike.

MANY DIE IN EARTHQUAKE

Death Toll In Argentina Disaster Estimated At 1,600

Buenos Aires, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A survivor of the disastrous earthquake which wiped out the picturesque Andean city of San Juan during the weekend, killing and injuring thousands, said today that the tremor struck one mighty blow, "cutting the city at the roots as if by a scythe."

The survivor, Moises Rudman, declared upon reaching Mendoza, that the quake came without warning and in an instant plunged the city into a sea of ruins. (Continued on Page Three)

Grateful

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 17.—(AP)—American troops traveling through the Mediterranean by air in a recent convoy collected more than \$4,000 at their journey's end and presented it to the Mediterranean coastal air force for relatives of lost pilots or air force charities.

During the trip the coastal air force had beaten off two German air attacks directed against the convoy.

Nazis Retreating Before Mighty Russian Offensive

NEW GAINS IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Marines Take Important Hill 660 In New Britain

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Jan. 17.—(AP)—American Marines, in what some of them termed the bloodiest battle of the southwest Pacific, have captured Hill 660 to dominate the Borgen Bay area off western New Britain. Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

Australians kept pace by sweeping on through Sio, on New Guinea's northeast coast and advancing three miles farther, clearing more of the coast preparatory to a big Allied push against Madang, farther northwest.

Allied bombers joined the victory parade with a heavy blow at Japanese shipping in the strong enemy base at Rabaul, northeast New Britain.

"Direct hits had damaging hear-ings," said MacArthur's communique, were scored on a Japanese cruiser, a destroyer, and seven cargo ships in the harbor. Returning pilots said the destroyer and one merchant ship were possibly sunk.

The attack was the first blow to be delivered against Rabaul shipping by Allied divebombers and torpedo bombers from the new Bougainville island airfields, in the Solomons, only 250 miles from the enemy base. These fields were recently put into operation after consolidation of the American beachhead and holdings at Empress Augusta Bay, on the southwest coast of Bougainville.

Much of Simpson Harbor at Rabaul was hidden by clouds, yet the bombers landed damaging blows on nine ships.

Marines have been fighting on both sides of New Britain's westernmost tip, Cape Gloucester, since (Continued on Page Four)

Women Lining Up To Sell War Bonds

Mrs. J. H. B. Moore, chairman of the Women's War Bond Committee for a drive to sell \$400,000 worth of War Bonds in Greenville Township for the armed forces, to be named Miss Greenville, N. C., will preside over a meeting of the Negro women of the city at Fleming street school tonight at 8 o'clock.

She has appointed the following Negro captains: Belle Atkinson, Thelma Moore, Mattie Huffines, Lilly Donnellson, Nina Cherry, Thelma Sheppard, Mary Watkins, S. I. Sautler and Ruth Johnson. Plans will be outlined for beginning the War Bond drive tomorrow morning. The Negro and white women will cooperate to make the bond drive a success.

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the high school cafeteria Mrs. Moore will preside at a breakfast meeting of the white women of the city. Plans for making the War Bond drive a success will be announced. The following captains have been appointed: Mrs. J. Knott Proctor, Mrs. Walter Harrington, Mrs. T. M. Watson, Mrs. D. J. Whichard, Jr., Mrs. J. Con Lanier, Mrs. Herman Harris, Mrs. Lewis Cooper, Mrs. Ed E. Rawl, Mrs. H. S. Ragsdale, Mrs. Gherman Taylor and Mrs. Clifton Bullock. About 75 women are expected to attend the breakfast tomorrow morning.

Captains for Greenville Township outside of Greenville are Mrs. Walter Cherry, Mrs. Charles R. Fife, Mrs. Albion Dunn, Mrs. Carl Langley and Mrs. B. L. Tyson.

Soldiers Sorry For "Poor Girl"

London, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The American army newspaper Stars and Stripes announced today it was forwarding to Mrs. Gloria Vandenberg, Di Cicco \$2.05 sardonically raised by a small group of soldiers at an eighth airforce fighter station, after publication of a recent report of the annual accounting of the heiress' estate.

"Stars and Stripes always is willing to lend its aid to any worthwhile benevolent endeavor and will see to it she gets the two bucks—and a nickel," said a double column front page story headed "Plus a Nickel for a Cup of Coffee."

Stars and Stripes had printed \$135,000 a Year So Gloria Pawns Gems. Under a New York dateline, the Stars and Stripes story said Mrs. Di Cicco declared to a Surrogate's court she "just couldn't make a profit of things on \$135,000 she received in 1943 in addition to her husband's lieutenant's pay in the army. At one time she had to pawn some of her jewels for \$1,800 in order to make things meet, she said. She made the accounting under the terms of a trust fund set up by her father."

12 In Service



Mother of 12 children, all in armed service, Mrs. Emma Van Courten, 58, (above), of St. Louis, registered in New York City as a "Minute Woman" for the Fourth War Bond drive. She has six sons in the navy, one in the army, one in the marines, and three daughters in the WAC. (AP Wirephoto).

LABOR DRAFT FACES FIGHT

May Be Campaign Issue If Congress Fails To Act

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will face some party opposition if congress fails to enact national service legislation by July and he attempts to force enactment of the proposal by the Democratic National convention, legislators said today.

The President's proposal that the government be given the power to assign men and women to war jobs has aroused such outspoken opposition from both Democrats and Republicans that the issue may be dragged out for months although hearings will be started Wednesday by the Senate Military Committee. Originally scheduled to open tomorrow, the hearings were delayed (Continued on Page Three)

Allies Advance In Burma Area

New Delhi, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Allied forces have occupied two more villages in western Burma west of the main mountain range in a slow advance through the jungle. Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced today.

A communique said some units had penetrated three miles south and northeast of captured Maungdaw, 25 miles northwest of Akyab. After the Allied forces entered the two villages, the Japanese counter-attacked several times, the bulletin said but all attacks were repulsed.

Russians Reject Polish Proposal For Mediation

By A. I. GOLDBERG
London, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Soviet government, interpreting the Polish statement of January 14 as a rejection of its offer to negotiate a new Russian-Polish border on the Curzon line basis, emphasized today it could not "enter into official negotiations with a government with which diplomatic relations have been interrupted."

Moscow's short sharp reply also raked up the Katyn Fore "mass graves accusation." Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels last April with a reminder that Polish recognition of the charge caused the diplomatic break.

Hard on the heels of this response, Moscow announced in another broadcast—both of which were recorded here by the Soviet Monitor—that a Russian state commission now is investigating "the murder of Polish officers and prisoners of war killed by German occupationists in the Katyn-Smolensk district."

Lt. Gen. Nikolai N. Burdenko of the Peoples' Commissariat of Health, heads the commission. Burdenko, a scientist, was the first Soviet recipient of an honorary fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons. The group also includes the writ-

New Drive Toward Baltic Pushes Deep Into German Defenses Cutting Important Railway Line; Other Forces Sweeping Forward In White Russia; Nazi Losses Heavy

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
Moscow, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Germans were reported retreating anew today before pressure of a powerful new Red army offensive north of Novosokolniki where the Russians cut the railroad line leading to Leningrad.

The newspaper Pravda said Red army men were surging forward over smooth snow fields, ripping German lines and intercepting their retreat.

As in other major retreats, the dispatch said the Germans were attempting to demolish everything in their path, burning villages, blowing up bridges and herding the local populations westward.

The new offensive began with a surprise assault on German fortifications around the railroad town of Navva. Pravda said the Nazi line was broken on the first night of attack and that Nazis fell the next day at noon. The Germans counter-attacked with tanks, self-propelled guns and infantry but were repulsed quickly.

At one point, the Germans used two battalions supported by dive bombers in groups of 20 to 25 planes for daylight counter-attacks, Pravda reported. By night, the Red army resumed its advance.

The Russians employed tanks liberally in the new drive, although the terrain offered considerable obstacles. Fields were covered with snow in the Novosokolniki region but the deep swamps there never freeze and are especially treacherous in this unusually mild winter. The thin ice coating breaks under the slightest pressure and brown mud oozes up to impede movements.

The Red army also forged ahead in White Russia, crossing the Ippa river to capture Novoselki, 17 miles north of Kalinkovichi in the Pripyet marshes, and reaching a point 47 miles from the old Polish border on a drive toward Pinsk, about 100 miles away.

Dispatches said a cold wave accompanied by sharp frosts had returned to White Russia. Hard freezes in the Pripyet marshes would afford firm terrain for tanks.

The Russians told of repulsing heavy tank and infantry counter-attacks yesterday in the Vinnitsa and Uman sectors to the south killing 2,000 Germans and destroying 126 tanks. Stockholm dispatches quoted a Berlin military spokesman as saying that some Red army units had lunged across the Bug river, near Vinnitsa, only 30 miles from the vital Warsaw-Odessa railway which feeds the Germans in the Dnieper bend.

The Soviet offensive north of Nevel apparently caused German propagandists some anxiety. One German broadcast declared the Russians were ready to throw 1,000,000 men in a major sweep toward the Baltic. The Scandinavian Telegram bureau quoted a Berlin military spokesman as saying "we are convinced some of the bloodiest battles between great bodies of troops are (Continued on Page Three)

King's Guard Arrested

London, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Polish telegraph agency reported today that the entire personal guard of King Vittorio Emanuele of Italy had been arrested by the Germans and its members shipped in sealed trucks to prisons in Poland.

RATON DEADLINES

Green—DEP—expires Jan. 20. Brown—BPT—expires Jan. 20. Sugar—No. 20—expires Jan. 15. Colgate—A-8 coupons, Feb. 8. Spare Stamp No. 2—5 points from Green. The group also includes the writ-

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

THE DEVOTIONAL LIFE REQUIRES PRACTICE

Paterson is said to have remarked on one occasion that if he neglected to practice for one day he noticed it; if for two days, his friends noticed it; if for three days, the world noticed it.

The same is true in the spiritual life. Prayer is either of infinite value or no value at all. Some people never resort to prayer until they confront shipwreck, and then wonder why they do it so badly.

When shall we learn that the spiritual world is subject to laws just as the material world is? All Rights Reserved— Babson Newspaper Institute

Must Act Soon On Subsidies

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Administration leaders appeared disposed today to toss the whole food subsidy controversy before the Senate and see what happens.

Prospects for a compromise to preserve at least a part of what the administration regards as its chief reason against sorting living costs seemed good when Congress recessed a month ago, but Senate Majority Leader Barkley said today no progress has been made toward an agreement.

He asked Chairman Wagner (D-N.Y.) to call the Senate Banking and Currency Committee together with the obvious purpose of trying to force the subsidy question into the open soon where it can be debated on the floor.

No Expression From Soldiers

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Soldiers will not be permitted to express their views for publication on the subject of the soldiers' vote, under a War Department ruling.

Colombia Signs With The Allies

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President Alfonso Lopez of Colombia signed the United Nations declaration today, making his nation the 34th to join the lineup against the Axis.

President Has Lost Ten Pounds

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, who has been recovering slowly from the flu, has lost about ten pounds.

President Has Lost Ten Pounds

His normal weight is around 185 pounds. Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said the chief executive still had some bad days when he "has a letdown." The President's physician has asked Mr. Roosevelt to take things easy for a time, and again



today the President was keeping his appointments in his White House study.

Eisenhower . . .

(Continued From Page One) from his new headquarters here—was followed by a United States War Department announcement in Washington that Gen. Eisenhower had spent "a few days" in Washington where he had conferred with President Roosevelt and General George C. Marshall, U. S. chief of staff.

The place of Eisenhower's meeting with Churchill was not disclosed but it was presumably somewhere in the Mediterranean area. A dispatch from Algiers last night said that Churchill had conferred with Gen. Charles De Gaulle at Marrakech, French Morocco, last Wednesday and had reached agreement on the part French forces are to play in new assaults upon Europe.

Eisenhower said farewell to his Mediterranean troops on January 2 after predicting an Allied victory over Germany in 1944.

His arrival in Britain virtually completed the array of top-notch Allied military men being assembled here to lead the invasion. Among those already here are:

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, deputy supreme commander; Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of British ground forces; Air Chief Marshal Trafford L. Leigh-Mallory, Allied air commander; Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the U. S. strategic air forces; Gen. Sir Harold Edmund Franklin, commander in chief of the British home forces; Lt. Gen. Van Strydom, commander in chief of the Belgian army; Maj. Gen. E. J. Phaff, commander of Dutch forces; Gen. Wilhelm Hansen, commander of Norwegian forces; Gen. Serge J. Ingr. commander in chief of the Czechoslovakian army; and Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski, commander of the Polish forces in Britain.

Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle has been named commander of the U. S. eighth air force, but his arrival in Britain has not been announced. The commander of U. S. ground forces also had not been announced.

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(Continued From Page One) questions in Franco-British relations. Does this mean that the relations between De Gaulle and the Anglo-American Allies are to be adjusted? The tone of the official statement is intended to convey the idea that things are taking satisfactory shape.

De Gaulle's leadership until recently has been a matter of concern to London and Washington. I was told by an informed source in London that it was feared the general had ambitions which didn't fit the Allied program for the restoration of France.

De Gaulle's strength has grown. His followers declare that 80 per cent of the people of France are his supporters.

They argue that he alone picked up the French standard at the time of Hitler's blitzkrieg, and fathered about him the following which has grown into a large army. They say, too, that he is the hope and inspiration of a vast underground force which is waiting in France to rise up against the Germans when invasion comes.

If the Churchill-De Gaulle parley means that peace has been cemented between the Anglo-American Allies and this strong-willed leader, it must be a cause of vast satisfaction because of the imminence of the invasion. The Allies will need every ounce of French good-will and help when the fateful day arrives.

Russians Reject . . .

(Continued from Page One) cabinet. The Soviet statement, replying to the Polish note of Friday which asked British-American help in bringing Poland and Russia, together, referred to the diplomatic break as caused by the Poles' acceptance of Goebbels' charges and declared the graves were filled "by German occupationists."

Earlier last week Moscow had offered to negotiate the border problem on the basis of the line drawn in 1919 after the first World War by an Allied commission headed by Viscount Curzon, British Foreign secretary. By this suggestion, Russia would retain most of the contested territory, but at the same time Moscow urged that Poland expand westward, taking certain German territory.

"In the Polish declaration the question of the recognition of the Curzon line as a Soviet-Polish frontier is entirely evaded and ignored which can only be interpreted as a rejection of the Curzon line," said the Moscow statement distributed today by the news agency Tass.

Although asserting that "the present Polish government does not wish to establish good neighborly relations" with the Soviet Union the new Moscow declaration did not say flatly that Russia was unwilling to talk with a reconstituted Polish government.

DEATH of a Saboteur

By Hulbert Footner

Chapter 28 "Good comedy!" said Lee. "With a grim edge to it. I venture to say Count Deduchin is already choking on his own bile. They don't trust each other, and the Count is smart enough to suspect he is being led on a wild-goose chase."

Linder, at the window, said: "The coast is clear. Shall we go across the road and get the letter?" "We'll go," said Lee. "Too many of us would attract attention."

"Shouldn't we all go over, one at a time?" the Russian suggested eagerly. "and wait in the apartment until Scharipov pops in on us? It would be fun to see his face!" "Sorry I can't give you that treat," said Lee. "Scharipov is not to know that he is being apprehended for treason. Murder is the charge. The police will take care of him and I shall not appear in it at all."

Lee and Welby went downstairs, stopped in the corner drugstore to buy a tube of linary paste, and proceeded to the apartment house. At the top of the first flight, under the mat of the righthand door, they found the key as they expected and walked in.

Lee walked into the bedroom, pulled down the peach-colored bedspread and slipped his hand under the pillow. He drew it forth with the letter.

"Light one of the burners and put on the kettle with a little water. I want to steam this open."

When the letter was opened, Lee read: Dear Mr. Scharipov: I have carefully read your letter. I hope we will be able to meet while my ship is in port, but should that be impossible, make your mind easy. If the money is put in my hands before sailing, I swear to you that I will carry through our great enterprise on my next northward voyage. I have received a message that purser Diehl is recovering.

At the same time it would be well for us to talk things over. I must sail about noon tomorrow. Tonight I shall take a room at the Stewart Hotel in the city, in the hope that you may be able to come to me there. I will register under my own name and be waiting for you in the lobby. Come to me at any time, or, if you feel it is too dangerous, telephone. But if I do not hear from you I will expect to see you in La Guaira.

Mr. Scharipov, in case I do not see you here, I want to say you wrong yourself in going against Count Deduchin. I do not know the man, but whatever his personal character, he has been set over us by those whose will we dare not question. We must serve him or risk the imputation of disloyalty to the cause. What is fame to me, when the chances of my surviving are about one to a thousand? So I beg of you, Mr. Scharipov, that you establish relations with Count Deduchin during the few days that remain, that we may be all working in harmony when the great moment arrives.

Sincerely yours, Arnaud Miller. When he heard this, Welby exclaimed: "It's like taking candy from a child! All we have to do is to go into the Stewart tonight and nab him!"

Lee slowly shook his head. "What! You're going to let him sail?" "I must."

"You have evidence enough to hang him!" "Perhaps. But the conversations we have overheard and the letters we have intercepted are not sufficiently explicit. We don't yet know what they're planning to do. We know it's dangerous, that's all. Unless we expose their plot completely we run the risk of having other traitors carry it through, when the first lot is arrested."

Lee copied the letter on a page of his notebook. The original was then returned to the envelope, sealed and replaced under the pillow. They closed the door behind them, slipped the key under the mat, and departed.

The Central Police station was not far away, and they went there to get in touch with Detective-Sergeant Boker. Boker was waiting. Satisfactory relations had been established with the Berkeley police, and two local officers were detailed to help him make the arrest.

Lee explained Scharipov would turn up between quarter to five and five.

"I'm going to leave Welby with you. Welby has seen him, but Scharipov has never seen Welby, so that won't tell him anything."

It was explained to Lee that the prisoner must be taken to the police station to be booked. He could not be removed from the state unless he was willing to waive extradition.

"There won't be any difficulty about that," said Lee. "He has his own good reasons for wanting to put San Francisco behind him at this moment. He may, however, want his arrest to be known. We must keep it out of the papers."

He is not to be allowed to see anybody," said Lee; "nor to telephone or send out any messages. If

he waives extradition, get him aboard the first plane for New York."

Lee returned to the hotel alone. He said to the Russian: "Everything has been done now that can be done."

They stationed themselves at the windows to watch. A car drove up across the street. Boker, Welby and two local plainclothesmen got out and disappeared within the apartment. On the very spot of 4-45, as if he were keeping an appointment with them, Scharipov appeared on foot across the street. Lee smiled at his notion of a disguise. He had shaved his mustache and, putting off the attire of a conservative banker, had come out in a Hollywood in a loud checked jacket, white pants and saddle shoes.

Scharipov glanced from side to side and continually looked behind him. There was nothing in the quiet side street to alarm him.

"Wham!" said the Russian. "What a painful surprise!"

They could hear nothing. In about two minutes, the two plain clothes men appeared with Scharipov. Scharipov was holding back and vigorously protesting. Welby and Boker followed. Scharipov was thrust into the waiting car and the others piled after him.

"Well, that's that," said Lee. "I'm going back to the city. Linder, if afraid I'll have to give you the tedious job of watching for the return of Mrs. Scharipov and Deduchin."

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Crossword Puzzle with grid and clues. ACROSS: 1. Small lake, 2. Distant, 3. Crude, 12. At any time, 13. Talk enthusiastically, 14. Yule, 15. Baseball team, 16. The hero of the, 17. Study, 18. Body of Moslem, 19. Shooting from, 20. Love freshness, 21. Mountain, 22. Fridge, 23. Elongated, 24. White man, 25. Heathen god, 26. Headless, 27. Myself, 28. Foreign, 29. Vindictive, 30. Spike of cereal, 31. Italian keepers, 32. Jubilant, 33. Tight, 34. Moved back, 35. Oriental, 36. Poignant, 37. Polio, 38. Hawaiian, 39. Goose, 40. Full of sum, 41. Central part, 42. American, 43. Scientist, 44. Volcano, 45. Belgian river, 46. Bill of fare, 47. Mail, 48. Resumption, 49. Hermit, 50. Southern con-, 51. Devotee; slang, 52. Genus of the, 53. Withdraw, 54. Spoke of battle, 55. Singly, 56. Organ of, 57. High in the air, 58. Characteristic, 59. Marine fish, 60. Frig of the, 61. Marks of battle, 62. Upright, 63. Hebrew, 64. Not so much, 65. Soaking, 66. Behaved, 67. Companion, 68. Absence from school without leave, 69. Epistles, 70. Lower, 71. Mistake, 72. Ben, 73. Station, 74. Mend, 75. Arrow poison, 76. Prophet, 77. Huge wave.

Monday, January 17, 1944

Social and Personal

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR January 17, 1944

Social Calendar

MONDAY 8:30 p. m.—Rotary Club.

7:00 p. m.—Lion's Club meets in high school cafeteria.

8:00 p. m.—A. A. U. W. meets in new classroom building at the college.

8:30 p. m.—Rehearsal for the Demast-McCormick wedding in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

TUESDAY 10:00-12:00 a. m.—Red Cross knitting room open, upstairs in Blount building.

3:30 p. m.—Mrs. W. S. Bost will be hostess to the Clio Club.

3:30 p. m.—Mrs. C. L. Adams will be hostess to the Chatham Book Club.

3:30 p. m.—The End of the Century Club meets with Mrs. Ed Batchelor.

5:00 p. m.—The marriage of Miss Ann McCormick and Corporal Fred James Demast will take place in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

7:30 p. m.—St. Mary's Auxiliary of Episcopal Church meets with Miss Hennie Long.

7:30 p. m.—Chapter 140 of the Eastern Star meets.

8:00 p. m.—Fidelis Class of Memorial Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. H. Letchworth, 1103 W. Third St.

8:15 p. m.—The Inter Se Club meets with Mrs. Jack Edwards on West Fourth street.

WEDNESDAY 10:00-12:00 a. m.—Red Cross knitting room open, upstairs in Blount building.

7:00 p. m.—Girl Scout banquet at Rotary Club.

THURSDAY 10:00-12:00 a. m.—Red Cross knitting room open, upstairs in Blount building.

8:00 p. m.—The Junior Philathea Class of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. R. L. Hilldrup, 103 Harding street.

FRIDAY 10:00-12:00 a. m.—Red Cross knitting room open, upstairs in Blount building.

3:30 p. m.—Garden Club will meet at Woman's Club.

6:30 p. m.—Kiwanis Club will meet.

Alex Templeton To Appear Here. Alex Templeton, the popular pianist, will appear at East Carolina Teachers College on the night of February 11 in the Wright auditorium.

Mr. Templeton, born in England, is one of the world's most able pianists in the field of classical music, and in the world of improvisation he has no peers. He can take a classic and change it into first-class jazz, and make jazz sound as if it were written by a master. Always in his inimitable art there is that infectious humor that finds its way into the heart of his audience, this perhaps being the key to his astounding success.

When Mr. Templeton came to America in 1936 he had behind him the success of all Europe. Since then he has become a citizen of this country which has welcomed him wholeheartedly. Last year he was solo artist of a daily radio program feature. This year he has become the star of the Columbia "Carnival" program where he is backed by Morton Gould and his orchestra, this coming over the air on Wednesday nights from 10:30 to 11. Advance sale of tickets for his performance will begin Wednesday night at 7:30 at Warren's drug store.

Arrives in India. Lt. Robert P. Hollar, chemical officer of the army air force, has arrived in India, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hollar.

Fidelis Class To Meet. The Fidelis Class of Memorial Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. H. Letchworth, 1103 West Third street. Mrs. Letchworth, Mrs. G. W. Jordan and Mrs. G. D. Nichols will be hostesses.

Relief At Last For Your Cough

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To Speak Here



HAROLD D. MEYER

Dr. Harold D. Meyer, of the department of sociology, University of North Carolina, will address the annual Girl Scout banquet here at the Rotary Club Wednesday at 7 o'clock.

A member of the North Carolina faculty for the last 20 years, Professor Meyer has long been recognized as an authority on recreational activities and has been active in directing such work in this section. He is chief of the Bureau of Recreation of the University Extension Division, chairman of the recreation committee of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, educational director for the Boy Scouts of America in Region Six, and a past president of the North Carolina Physical Education association.

Professor Meyer is the sponsor of a 20-volume library on extracurricular activities having edited the series, and is a member of the editorial boards of the North Carolina Teacher, the Safety Magazine, and School Activities.

He has for many years been active in Parent-Teacher work and for the past several years has served as state program chairman. He has been in great demand as a speaker especially among civic groups.

Hodges Back From New York. Mr. William F. Hodges, manager of Ehrd's Department Store, has returned from New York, where he went to buy spring and other merchandise for the store. Like other store managers who have gone to the metropolitan city, Hodges was glad to get back home. Congested traffic makes traveling more of a burden than a pleasure. Trains, buses and the highways are crowded and hotels are, too. Hodges was fortunate in placing a number of orders for Ehrd's store which will get early shipment, he said.

Mrs. Pate Honored. Mrs. Earl Claiborne Pate, recent bride, was honored with a bridge luncheon on Saturday at one o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. G. Norman, with Mrs. Jack Moye, Jr., as assisting hostess.

Lighted white candles and fern formed the centerpiece for each table and bridal place cards were used. The bride's place was marked with a corsage of red carnations.

After a delicious luncheon, bridge was enjoyed, with Miss Virginia Rouse winning high score and Mrs. Wendy Jordan winning second high.

The bride was presented crystal in her chosen pattern.

The guest list included Mrs. Pate, Mrs. Jack Moye, Sr., Mrs. Fred Turnage, Mrs. Wendy Jordan, Mrs. B. F. Bullard, Mrs. Vance Harrington, Misses Daisy King Mayo, Hazel Williford, Jane Hardee, Rosalie Brown, Virginia Rouse, Mary Belle Robertson, Betty Lee Spruill, Helen Zechiel and Louise Park.

School Glee Clubs On Lion's Program. The high school glee club will entertain the Lions' Club at its weekly supper meeting tonight.

The following program will be given: "America," by the audience; "On Great Lone Hills," Boys' Glee Club; "Daddy's Sweetheart," Girls' Glee Club; "The Flag That Flies O'er All," mixed chorus. Members of the club and the high school boys and girls will sing "America, the Beautiful," "Battle Hymn," "Everybody Every Day" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

C. O. G. A. Faculty Game. Members of the Girls' Athletic Club, the C. O. G. A., will play the lady members of the Greenville High faculty in a basketball game Thursday morning at the fourth

period, Admission for students will be 5 cents. The money made from the game will be used to pay for sweaters for the members of the girls' athletic club.

Legionnaires Will Have Oyster Roast

Pitt County Post No. 39, American Legion, will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Elks Club tomorrow night at 7 o'clock. Commander Paul A. Scott will preside.

State Senator J. Con Lanier, J. Herbert Waldrop and "Pick" Arthur will be hosts at an oyster roast. Legionnaires are expected to take their oyster knives.

Turner Barrow Died Mount Olive Sunday

Turner A. Barrow, 69, of Mount Olive, Route 4, died at his home on Sunday at 11:10 p. m. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Melle Jackson Barrow, five sons, D. C. Barrow and Garland Barrow of Roanoke Rapids, Marvin R. Barrow, U. S. Marine Corps, Southwest Pacific, Alton and James Barrow of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Jesse B. Smith of Greenville, Mrs. Steven Smith, Jr., of Fulton, N. Y.; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Martin, of Tarboro, Mrs. Charlie Foster of Pine-top and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist church on Tuesday at 3 p. m. Interment will follow in the family cemetery in Belvoir township Pitt county.

John Mercer Died Here This Morning

John W. Mercer, 68, died at his home, 1217 Washington street, at 10:30 this morning after a long illness.

The funeral cortege will leave the home at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Graveside services will be conducted at the cemetery at Oak Grove Methodist Church in Jones county by Rev. J. C. Griffin, Free Will Baptist minister of New Bern.

Mr. Mercer was born and reared in Jones county and came to Greenville to live about 16 years ago. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Goldie Brickhouse Mercer; one son, Johnnie Willford Mercer of the home; five daughters, Mrs. C. M. Griffin of Hoboken, Mrs. F. W. Godwin of Greenville, Mrs. C. H. Altenberg and Miss Edna Earl Mercer of the home; 16 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; a brother, J. D. Mercer of Wilson, and a half-sister, Mrs. F. R. Smith of New Bern.

Government May Hold Coal Mines

Washington, Jan. 17—(AP)—Secretary Ickes announced today that the Justice Department has ruled that continuing possibility of work stoppages permits the government to retain possession of seized coal mines, even though virtually normal production has been restored.

The Smith-Connally "anti-strike" act provides that government seized mines should be restored to their owners within sixty days after their return to the productive efficiency prevailing prior to government seizure.

Attorney General Biddle has ruled, however, Ickes said, that "productive efficiency has not been restored within the meaning of section three of the War Labor Dis-

putes Act" since, if the government relinquishes possession, there might be "further interferences with production through strikes or stoppages or threats of strikes or stoppages."

Fuel Oil Shortage Exists In District

The local War Price and Rationing Board was notified today that the acute shortage of fuel oil and kerosene continues throughout the district and that additional rations could not be issued except in case of illness or change of circumstances.

Period coupons of one unit and five units for period two and three are valid now and may be used until January 24 and February 21, respectively.

Period four and five coupons will become valid on January 25.

Regardless of the situation, they may not be used or exchanged for currently valid coupons.

Official weather reports indicate the same number of "degree days" this year as last and approximately half of the year's ration should have been used as of today, according to figures from Washington in weekly releases.

Nazis Retreating ...

(Continued From Page One) about to be fought on the northern front.

A bulletin said the Red army had launched the drive three days ago, pushing a wedge nine miles wide and five miles deep into the German lines and seizing Nasva to cut the Novosokolniki-Dno railway, "over which the Germans had transferred their troops along the front line."

The communique said that Gen. Vatutin's forces driving through old Poland captured Vladimirsk, 23 miles northwest of Sarny, and Antonovka, 15 miles west of Sarny, while his units farther south drove to within 19 miles of Rovno by occupying Kostopol, 35 miles inside the old border.

Besides killing 100,000 and capturing 7,000 Germans in the period between December 24 and January 13, a Moscow announcement said, Gen. Vatutin's forces swept up tremendous quantities of booty and destroyed 2,204 German tanks and 1,174 guns.

Many Die In ...

(Continued From Page One) city of 30,000 into total darkness. Hundreds of survivors huddled in the city square and open spaces, he added, while others sought to extricate the dying and the injured whose screams were heard in the darkness.

Troops and other rescue workers were digging additional bodies from the ruins of the dead city today as the nation mobilized aid for the survivors of Argentina's worst earthquake in 83 years. By official count, 500 bodies have been recovered so far, but estimates on the total number of dead mounted to between 1,400 and 1,500.

Authorities said that 90 per cent of the buildings in San Juan, which was jolted by four shocks Saturday night and Sunday morning, were destroyed and none of those left

standing was habitable. The quake crumbled modern, steel-reinforced structures, such as the city hall and other government buildings, as well as the twin-spired 19th century cathedral and other more ancient buildings.

The injured—one estimate placed the number as high as 13,000—lazed the hospitals of Mendoza, 75 miles from San Juan, and authorities ordered school buildings converted into temporary hospitals. Physicians and nurses worked without rest amid the debris of the stricken city, administering to the injured. Additional doctors and nurses, and blood plasma, medicine, food and clothing, were being rushed by train, plane and truck.

The loss of life and the large number of injured were attributed to the suddenness as well as the intensity of the tremor. Thousands were trapped in their homes and additional hundreds were caught in cinemas and restaurants.

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WANTED TO BUY—40 OR 41 Ford. Must be in first class shape. See L. W. Herring, AA Taxi. 14-3t

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LOST—ONE BILLFORD CON- taining driver's license, social security card and other valuable papers, bearing name Mrs. Blanche Joyner, one ten dollar bill and other change. Reward if returned to Reflector office. 17-3t

WANTED—COLORED TENANT for two-horse crop, near Barronhill's Dairy, Mrs. Lottie Whitchard, Greenville, R. 5. 17-3t

WANTED—MAN TO TEND 12 acres of tobacco. J. F. Arthur, Dial 2865. 14-3t

WHY WAIT A WEEK FOR YOUR shoes. Bring them to the City Shoe Shop, where you can get them in 24 hours. City Shoe Shop, 107 East Fifth St., Greenville, N. C. 17-3t

SEE US FOR TOBACCO CLOTH, pressure canners, pocket knives, padlocks and garden seed of all kinds. J. A. Watson, Seed and Hardware. 12-tf

FOR RENT—FARM NEAR WIN- terville—Reedy Branch Church—11 acres tobacco allotment, 5 acres cotton, 3 acres peanuts. Also for sale—two Duroc Jersey sows, with eight pigs each. T. L. Little, Ayden. 12-tf

FUEL OIL—KEROSENE ECONOMY OIL CO.
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PECAN BUNS, APPLE SAUCE Cake full of fruits and nuts. Lemon Cake and Potato Rolls. People's Bakery.

GARDEN SEED, FLOWER SEED and onion sets. White's Stores. Jan. 6-1 mo.

BARRED ROCK AND WHITE Rock baby chicks, \$10.00 per 100. By mail, postage extra. Each Tuesday. Place your orders early. Roebuck's Hatchery, Stokes, N. C. 30-tf

WE HAVE IN STOCK A LIMITED supply barb wire, poultry wire and other wire fencing. See us for your needs now. Pitt FCX. 17-tod-2wk

WANTED—2-WHEEL TRAILER 16inch wheel, solid construction. Phone 2812. 17-3t

FOR RENT—4-ROOM UNFURN- ished apartment. Dial 3467. 17-2t

SEE KEEL SUPPLY CO. FOR your Priddy Fertilizers needs, at Keel's Warehouse, Dial 4046. 10-tf

WANTED—WHITE PRACTICAL nurse for invalid lady. Very little trouble at night. Call Mrs. J. P. Davidson, Dial 3248. 435 West Fifth St. 15-2t

WANTED—SMALL FAMILY OF colored tenants. One mile from Section House on Stokes highway. J. P. Moss. 17-19

SEE KEEL SUPPLY CO. FOR your International Fertilizers needs, at Keel's Warehouse, Dial 4046. 10-tf

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Mutual Insurance
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FOR SALE—PRACTICALLY NEW home in College View. Spacious living room, comfortable dining room, up-to-date kitchen with plenty of cabinets, modern bath, four bedrooms, hardwood floors, insulated, oil furnace and oil hot water heater—\$8,000.00. General Insurance Agency, Dial 2401. Hadley, Stallworth, Tripp. 11-tf

WANTED—A TENANT WITH sufficient help for a good 2-horse farm. Call 3447, or the residence of Mrs. D. R. Perkins, Stokes, N. C. 17-3t

TAKEN UP ON MY FARM—A light gray horse. Weight around 1100 lbs. Owner can have same by paying all expense. J. T. O'Neal, Ballard's Cross Roads. 17-3t

Hog Market
Raleigh, Jan. 17.—(AP)—(NCDA) Rocky Mount hog market steady; top 13.55. Richmond market closed for clearance.

Poultry and Eggs
Raleigh, Jan. 17.—(AP)—(AP)—Egg and poultry markets steady to easy.
Raleigh.—U. S. Grade A large (clean white) 42; hens, all weights, 22 to 28.
Washington.—U. S. Grade A large 42; broilers and fryers, 28 1/2 to 30.

Grain Market
Chicago, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Wheat and rye were down about a cent at times today in a grain market again characterized by a lack of demand. Reports of easiness in the cash wheat trade at both Kansas City and Minneapolis, with prices quoted below ceilings on high protein wheat, unsettled the futures market.

At the close wheat was 1/4-3/8 lower, May \$1.68, oats were down 1/8-3/8, May 77 1/2, rye was off 1/8-3/8, May \$1.27 1/2-3/4, and barley was 1/8 lower to 1/4 higher, May \$1.20 1/2.

New York Cotton
New York, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20 cents a bale higher to 5 cents lower.

Noon values were unchanged to 20 cents a bale lower; Mch. 19.77, May 19.48; July 19.21.

Futures closed 15 cents a bale higher to 15 cents lower.

Open Close Ery. Cl.
Mech. 19.80 19.80 19.77
May 19.51 19.50 19.48
July 19.24 19.22 19.22
Oct. 18.95 18.93 18.96
Dec. 18.82 18.80 18.82

Middling spot 20.64, up 2.

N. Y. Stock Market
New York, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The stock market ran into a little profit cashing today.

Transfers were around 850,000 shares.

Ahead most of the time were Sears Roebuck, Eastman Kodak and International Nickel. Losers included U. S. Steel, Chrysler, U. S. Rubber, Montgomery Ward, Douglas Aircraft, Kennecott, General Electric and Great Northern.

FINAL STOCKS

Allegheny	2 3/4
Allis Chal Mfg	30 1/2
Am Can	84 3/4
Am Car Fdy	35 1/2
Am Roll Mill	13 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	38 1/2
A T and T	156 3/4
Am Tob B	61 1/2
Anacosta	25 1/4
A C L	27 1/2
Ail Ref	25 1/2
Aviat Corp	25 1/2
Baldwin	20 1/2
B and O	6 1/2
Bendix Aviat	34 1/2
Beth Stl	58 3/4
Boeing Airpl	14
Borden	29 3/4
Budd Mfg	6 1/2
Burl Mills	28 3/4
Bur Add Mach	12 1/2
Cannon Mills	45
Case J I	36 1/4
Chrysler	80 3/4
Coca Cola	114 1/2
Coml Credit	41 1/2
Coml Solv	15 1/2
Cont Can	34 1/2
Curtiss Wright	5 1/2
Doug Air	52 1/2
Dupont	140 3/4
Eastman Kod	164 1/2
Firestone	40 1/2
Gen Elec	27 3/4
Gen Foods	41 1/2
Gen Mot	53 1/2
Goodrich	41 1/2
Goodyear	39
Int Harvest	72 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	11 1/2
Johns Man	39 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	72 1/2
Loews	58 1/2
Lorillard	18 1/2
Mont Ward	46 1/2
Nash Kelv	12 1/2
Nat Bis	21 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	28 1/2
N Y Cent	17 1/2
No Am Aviat	3 1/2
Packard	24
Param Pix	27 1/2
Penn R R	27 1/2
Pepsa Cola	50 1/2
Phillips Pet	46 1/2
Pullman	35 1/2
Pure Oil	16
Radio	9 1/2
Rep Stl	29 1/2
Reynolds B	87 1/2
Sears	22 1/2
Son Ry	30
Std Brands	54 1/2
Std Oil N J	13 1/2
Stewart Warner	27 1/2
Swift	48 1/2
Tex Co	31 1/2
Un Carb	28 1/2
Unit Air	14 1/2
Unit Corp	13 1/2
Unit Drug	42 1/2
U Rub	57 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	53 1/2
US Steel	53 1/2
Vanadium	19
Warner Pic	12 1/2
Western Un A	96 1/2
West El and Mfg	22 1/2
Woolworth	39 1/2

Rumor Says . . .

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town on the Iberian peninsula. This was picked up by the Soviet monitor in London from a Moscow long-wave telegraph transmission. It was not included in the usual news wire broadcasts.

(There was no elaboration or comment on the dispatch.)
British officials in London said today that they knew nothing of the Pravda story of reported peace talks with German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and declined further authoritative comment.

(It was learned unofficially, however, that the British were as mystified by the story and its publication as were British officials in Moscow.)
It was felt that the report may have originated from rumors circulated several weeks ago that anti-Nazi Germans in Portugal were seeking to negotiate with the British.

(In Washington, Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, declared: "There is no truth in this story. People who believe it will believe anything.")
He spoke about the time that Secretary of State Cordell Hull was telling a press conference that he had no information that would bear out the Pravda report.

(The first reaction of officials was frank amazement that such a report should have been published in a paper which usually speaks with such authority as Pravda.)
In a less authoritative publication the report would have received little or no attention.

(Concern ran less to any possibility of truth in the report, since the British have committed themselves on many occasions against a separate peace, than it did to the Russian purpose in giving the report circulation.)

The original Soviet-British agreement on joint war-time action against Germany and their later 20-year alliance both provided that neither side would make a separate peace.

Pravda's dispatch amounted to an accusation that Britain, at least, was sounding out Germany on the possibility of a separate peace.

The concluding sentence that the secret parley did not remain without results, carried for Russians the positive sense that it had at least partial success.

The dispatch stirred intense interest and surprise among the Russian public but met with incredulity in Allied quarters.

There was no official Soviet comment, and British officials in Moscow said they could not understand either the report or its publication. They said they did not believe it.

(Although there was no domestic censorship ban on its publication, no mention had been made of the Pravda article in London newspapers up to mid-afternoon. The British news service Reuters carried a brief story attributed to a Moscow broadcast.)
There were two interesting points about the dispatch:

1. Although it appeared in the organ of the Communist party it was not official and did not even bear the weight of a dispatch of official news agency, Tass, but was labeled plainly as from special Balkan sources.
2. The newspaper itself labeled the story as among "rumors."

The mere fact of publication of the story was of considerable importance at a time when the United Nations appeared to have been indissolubly joined after the Moscow and Teheran conferences.

New Gains In . . .

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shortly after their December 26 landing, and the Japanese defenders sacrificed nearly 3,000 men in their effort to retain control of the area. American dead and wounded in the invasion total 400. Americans took the Cape Gloucester airbase December 30 and soon thereafter began their bitter fight for Hill 600, dominating the Borgen Bay sector east of the Cape.

Deluges of rain and deeply-embayed Japanese machinegun posts made the battle even more bitter than the bloody struggle for Gaisan, some of the veterans said.

Only 50 miles of sea separate western New Britain from New Guinea's Huon peninsula, where the Australian ground forces occupied Sio. This occupation together with the expanding American hold on Saidor, farther up the coast, opens the way for the next drive—against the big Japanese shipping base at Madang, 125 airline miles from Sio. The Huon peninsula drive began Sept. 16 with the capture of Lae in the Huon gulf.

Saidor, on the coast midway between Sio and Madang, was invaded by the Americans Jan. 2, and by Jan. 13 the fifth air force base had been shifted to the north side of New Guinea's dividing mountain range. The Japanese in the Saidor-Sio area are squeezed by the advancing American and Australian drives, by that time were openly attempting flight by sea.

Possession of western New Britain, with much of New Guinea's north shore already occupied or controlled, presages our growing command of the Bismarck sea reaches. General MacArthur has said.

The Bismarck sea points to the goal he is determined ultimately to reach—the Philippines.

New Bomber Force
London, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A report came from the German-controlled Vichy radio today that a new strategic bombing force is being built up in Russia in which British and American heavy bombers may join Soviet aircraft in attacking eastern German areas.

Seed Loans Available.
Mr. Roy Hearne, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop, Seed and Feed Loans, announces that he will take applications for seed loans between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. each Thursday, beginning with Thursday, January 20, until further notice. Mr. Hearne will be located in the county agent's office.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as executor of the estate of Laura E. Harris, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Greenville, or to their attorney named below, on or before the 15th day of

Cases Tried Today In Police Court
Judge J. W. H. Roberts disposed of the following cases in Police court today:

Drunks: John Garrett, colored, 30 days or \$15; Ruben Mobley, judgment suspended on payment of costs; Leonard Hoots, 30 days or costs.

Drunk and disorderly and reckless driving: William Robinson, 90 days or \$50 and costs and to lose license a year.

Drunk and disorderly and hit-and-run and reckless driving, 90 days or \$50 and costs and lose license a year.

Drunk and disorderly and driving without license: Rufus Foskey, col-

Colored News

The year 1943 was a very successful one for the Negro Woman's Club. Most of them were awarded certificates for a course in nutrition. They helped many people save fruits and vegetables by aiding them in canning. They bought war stamps. In the Christmas Savings Club, they paid off the members. They furnished the Headquarters Battery at Camp Davis and gave fruit and clothing to a needy family of ten at Christmas. These are just a few of the things done in this year and each member desires to do a bigger and greater work in 1944.

They met last Wednesday evening with Mrs. Addie Ennett on Tyson street. There plans were made for enlarging on the previous year's work, and to do all they can to help win the victory that our nation is fighting for. The officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. N. W. Cherry, vice president, Mrs. Mattie L. Huffine, secretary, Mrs. L. B. Taylor, treasurer, Mrs. Ellen Leggett, savings secretary, Mrs. Lucy Foreman, savings treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Cherry. Each member is willing to work in any branch of work for the good of the community at any time.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. N. W. Cherry, 1217 Green street.

DOG AT LARGE: J. A. Conway, not guilty.

DRUNK AND FAILURE TO PAY TAXI DRIVER: J. A. Johnston, 30 days or costs and \$2.50 to Elbert Mays for taxi fare.

RECKLESS DRIVING: Homer McLawhorn and R. B. Tyer; McLawhorn not guilty. Tyer guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs and \$5 to McLawhorn.

ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON: Sarah Stutenberg, colored, 60 days in jail.

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January, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This the 15th day of Jan., 1944.
M. R. HARRIS and FERNANDO HARRIS, Executors of the Will of Laura E. Harris.
Dink James, Atty.
Jan. 17-tw-6wk.

NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to authority and direction contained in the last will of Laura E. Harris, which has been duly probated and filed of record in the Office of Clerk of Superior Court of Pitt County, the undersigned executors will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash before the court house door in Greenville, North Carolina, on Monday, February 14, 1944 at 12 noon the following described real estate: Lying and being in the County of Pitt, State of North Carolina, situate in Greenville Township, adjoining the lands of Haywood Knox, W. B. Brown and Robert Tucker, lying on the main road to New Bern about four (4) miles from Greenville, known as the Frank

Bel place, containing fifty (50) acres, more or less, it being the same land described in the mortgage deed executed by J. J. Griffin and wife, Sarah L. Griffin, to B. F. Patrick dated January 18, 1888, recorded in Book B-196; and the same property conveyed by B. F. Patrick to Laura E. Harris, by deed dated January 11, 1894, recorded in Book P-5, at page 326, of the Office of Register of Deeds of Pitt County. This the 14th day of Jan., 1944.
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Next time you need calomel take Colotabs, the improved calomel compound tablets that make calomel-taking pleasant, sugar-coated, agreeable, prompt, and effective. Not necessary to follow with salts. Caution: Use only as directed.

Administrator's Sale
A quantity of tobacco sticks, buggy, New Home Sewing Machine, 2 Bedroom Suites, Bed, Kitchen Cabinet, Kitchen Wood Range, 3-piece Wicker Living Room Suite, and other household goods and personal property will be sold at public auction at Francis V. Nine's home near Winterville, Tuesday, January 18, 1944, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Ray Oglesby, Administrator

Notice To The Public
Because of present crowded conditions in the hall of the court house, registrations each Tuesday for Alcoholic Beverage Sales permit book No. 2 will be held in the armory until further notice. The armory will be open from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. each Tuesday for the purpose of issuing books to persons who have not previously registered. Be sure to bring your OPA No. 3 Ration Book properly filled out, with you.

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Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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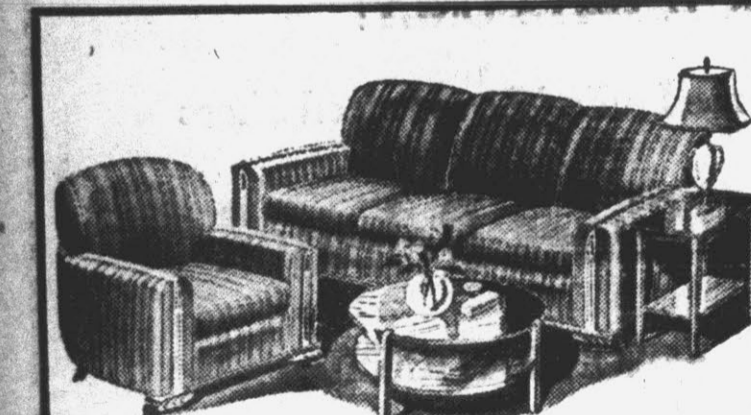
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