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REDS 165 MILES FROM GERMAN CAPITAL

Battle Of Belgium Bulge Ends In Rout

PARIS, Jan. 22 — (AP) — The Belgian bulge collapsed in a German rout today and Allied planes knocked out nearly 3,000 enemy vehicles and tanks—enough to equip almost an entire enemy panzer army—in an aerial slaughter without equal in this war.

The United States 3rd Army, pressing ahead up to five miles, found the Luxembourg half of the shattered Ardennes salient virtually deserted and resistance disorganized, and the enemy stand crumpled before the United States 1st Army in Belgium.

Island Flier Awarded D. F. C.



Pilots reported hardly any of the German columns fleeing from the Ardennes made good their escape; earlier accounts had put the number of enemy vehicles caught on the roads at about 3,000.

They reported 65 tanks and armored vehicles, 1,853 trucks and 833 railroad cars destroyed, and 63 tanks and armored vehicles and 1,179 trucks damaged. Hundreds of German troops were slain.

Three hundred medium and light bombers set the stage for the kill by blowing up bridges and blocking roads along the paths of retreat.

All day long the German columns withdrawing too late from the Ardennes, were ripped in a hurricane of bombs, rockets and bullets by swarming planes snarling down through the mists on the transports, massed so densely on key roads that pilots said they could not miss.

Front dispatches quoted fighter-bomber pilots as saying the scene of havoc, stretching from northern Luxembourg into Germany east of the Siegfried Line, was worse than at Falaise last August, where Allied aerial execution was so terrible the enemy could not rally for a stand on the Seine.

The German High Command, apparently fearful that the next Allied blow may come through western Germany north of Aachen, threw in reserves against Lt. Gen. Dempsey's British 2nd Army but still the Germans pressed on.

Lt. Hunter, formerly with the Western Front, the British forces fought into the villages of Selchen, Hosten, and Laffel, 12 miles west and southwest of the highway centre of Heinsberg, and within three miles of the Wurm River, a tributary of the Roer.

Story Of Waste At Naval Yard

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 — (AP) — A story of large-scale waste and "appalling waste" of material at the Norfolk Navy Yard was laid before the Senate today by members of its War Investigating Committee.

Talk of "prosecution" was heard in the Capitol after Senators James M. Mead (Dem.-N.Y.) and Homer Ferguson (Rep.-Mich.) told of hundreds of tons of other materials in making such things as hand-carved furniture, an ornate checkerboard, a dog house, a special oyster-chucking can, and jewelry for their bosses or themselves.

Sen. Mead, committee chairman, told of a "Paul Revere" who, upon the approach of investigators, would go tearing through one shop warning the men to look busy.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
(Associated Press War Analyst)

A barrage of new victory announcements from Moscow officially reporting Russian capture of key communication centres in Silesia, Poland and East Prussia guarding every eastern gateway to Berlin between the Baltic and the upper Oder Valley opened the second week of the titanic Red Army winter offensive.

They came tumbling on each other's heels so fast as to make any detailed mapping of the vast 800-mile eastern front a matter of conjecture. Utterly confused and off balance as the whole German defence deployment from the northern flank of the Carpathians to the north end of the old Danzig corridor appeared to be, there still was no Russian claim of a total enemy rout although the retreat into Germany itself seemed fast verging that way.

The most astonishing aspect of the Russian offensive tidal wave was that it appeared to be gaining instead of losing speed the farther its supply lines were extended.

Within a week's time the remote possibility of an attempted German evacuation of East Prussia had been converted into a virtual reality. The fall of such mighty defensive bastions in northern East Prussia as Tilsit and Insterburg strongly suggests that Berlin has thumbed the whole German Army westward in a desperate attempt at escape before the Russians cut the last land transport route across the Danzig corridor.

Only two main rail routes are available for such a mass troop movement. One of those has been slashed. They are the Insterburg-Deutsch Eylau-Torun-Berlin and the Koenigsberg-Marienbourg-Stettin-Berlin lines. Russian seizure of Allenstein and close investment of Insterburg, Deutsch Eylau and Torun has certainly rendered the first useless. In the Deutsch Eylau area, Red advance forces are within easy striking distance of Marienburg, critical hub of the other, to complete the isolation of East Prussia, from the rest of Germany except by sea.

Even more ominous Russian advances south of the Vistula and the Danube center are officially recorded by Moscow. With capture of Danowka southwest of Torun, Red forces have driven a broad-fronted thrust deep into the eastern entrance of the Bydgosz Gap. They are also poised there the upper arm of a pincer threat to Poznan to match the companion drive through the Warta River Gap farther east. The center is vital important to any German hope of stalling the Russian multi-front drive in the center.

New Ledo Road Open To Allied War Traffic

(By The Associated Press)

MYITKINA, Burma, Jan. 22 — The new Ledo Road to China was officially declared open to military traffic tonight and the first convoy of trucks to carry supplies across Burma in 2 1/2 years was ready to leave here on the final leg of its arduous journey of more than 1,000 miles through mountains and jungle to Kunning.

Lt. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan, commander of the India-Burma theater, announced officially that the road had been cleared of Japanese troops and was ready to handle military traffic.

The fall of the Chitawo border town of Wanting two days ago eliminated the last remaining enemy obstacle to passage of Allied trucks.

Drivers tonight were making final preparations for the last lap of their historic trip. They arrived in Myitkina last week after covering the 262-mile stretch from the western terminus at Ledo.

Nazi Leaders Summon All Germans To Defend Reich

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 22 — Nazi leaders calling today on every German who could shoot to join in the defence of the fatherland demanded self-sacrifice and fanaticism to "work a miracle" and stop the Russian tide now within 100 miles of Berlin.

Germany's economic belt was tightened as fuel rations and public services were cut. For the first time, German home broadcasts conceded that Berlin itself is threatened by the Red Army drive. (A wireless dispatch to German troop newspapers said "the Soviets have broken through". The dispatch, as reported in New York by the Federal Communications Commission, appealed to German soldiers to "stand firm at any price until reserves which are coming up intervene in the fighting.")

D.N.B. said women and children had been removed from menaced areas.

A Berlin dispatch to the Stockholm Aftonbladet, passed by German censorship said: "If the Russians capture Poznan (in western Poland) then the threat to Berlin enters the acute stage."

Enemy Position In East Becomes Very Critical

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON, Jan. 22 — The Red Army in a 38-mile dash across western Poland swept to within 165 miles of Berlin today as another powerful Soviet force sliced to within 37 miles of the Baltic port of Elbing in East Prussia, forging one of the greatest potential encirclements in military history.

The Russian communiques tonight announced that more than 80,000 Germans have been killed and 21,000 captured in the offensive by Marshal Ivan S. Konev's forces, now advancing east of Breslau.

The German radio appealed for help against "this bestial, overwhelming mass onslaught."

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More Than 500 Wounded Soldiers Return Home

By JOHN LEBLANC
Canadian Press Staff Writer

HALIFAX, Jan. 22 — Back from the mud and blood of the European battlefields, more than 500 Canadian servicemen arrived home in the Dominion today aboard the Canadian hospital ship Lady Nelson.

While a sound truck blared cheerful jive at the quayside, the invalided fighting men walked or were carried on stretchers to the ship to waiting hospital trains, which sped them toward their homes.

Practically all the returned men wore the khaki of the Army, survivors of the battles of Sicily, Italy or the Western Front, and many had been wounded in training in England, or had been invalided home after illness. A sprinkling of the R.C.A.F. personnel was in the movement.

Wounded by a sniper, Cpl. Max Magner of Toronto's manager 50 point out the location of the German gunner to his comrades, but he didn't learn until long afterwards that an officer of his unit had killed the attacker.

The Toronto man, with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, was leading a detachment up a road alone the Seine under heavy machine gun fire, when he was hit in the shoulder and the political outlook in the House of Commons last Thursday, Mr. Churchill injected into a generally optimistic war report: "I will just add that we must keep our eye on jet-propelled fighter aircraft on the renewed U-boat menace."

Fox Pelt Sale Opens At Montreal

(Special to The Guardian)

MONTREAL, Jan. 22 — The Canadian Fur Auction Company's sale opened at 10 o'clock today with a large number of buyers present. The first offering was 1542 special skins comprising platinum, platinum silvers, pearl platinum, and white marked silvers, mostly ringnecks. These were 79 per cent sold at an average price of \$72.00.

Following this, 1403 white marked silvers were 85 per cent sold at an average price of \$45.07. Two thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight regular full silver pelts were largely sold at a slight advance above December sale prices.

The above was supplied by Mr. George A. Calver, Mgr. Fur Marketing Department, C.N.F.A., Summerside.

482 B. C. Absentees Considered Deserters

VANCOUVER, Jan. 22 — (CP) — Officials at Pacific Command today notified the 482 British Columbia members of the active and home defence armies listed as absentees since Christmas now are considered deserters from the Canadian Army and accordingly are subject to court martial and liable to penal servitude or other punishments.

Of the number, 250 are members of the Home Defence Army.

Army officials said that while the men until today have been listed as absentees actually they have been considered deserters from the time they overstayed their leaves.

It was announced previously that the 482 were considered A.W.L. but officials said that because the men had been given six days' leave to return to their homes and had not reported to their units at the end of their leave they were considered deserters.

Pacific Command headquarters reiterated their previous warning that anyone harboring any of the 482 would be liable to prosecutions.

Hitler Taking Charge In East?

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 — A German broadcast quoted by BBC said today that Hitler had gone to the Eastern Front to take personal command of the German defence against the Russian advance.

The BBC broadcast was heard by NBC.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

EASTERN FRONT — Russian steamroller drive carries to 165 miles east of Berlin. German broadcasts concede Berlin threatened; four strongpoints toppled in East Prussia as gigantic encirclement threat to enemy forces there develops.

WESTERN FRONT — U. S. 1st and 3rd Armies advance towards German border as Allied planes smash some 3,000 German vehicles in devastating blow at withdrawing enemy equipment in Ardennes sector; British 2nd Army registers gains in Roer-Mass Rivers triangle.

AERIAL — U. S. heavy bombers smash at German synthetic oil plant near Duisburg; Italy-based planes hammer communications targets in northern Italy.

BURMA — Ledo Road into China cleared of enemy, open for traffic; British 14th Army troops capture Monywa, 50 miles west of Mandalay.

PHILIPPINES — American forces advance 13 miles to reach Capas, 11 miles south of Tarlac.

PACIFIC AERIAL — U. S. airborne planes destroy 140 Japanese trucks and snow-cleaning equipment at Okinawa Island in Ryukyus.

Bracken Leaves Rome To Visit Men On Italian Front

BY WILLIAM BOSS
ROME, Jan. 22 — (CP Cable) — John Bracken, national leader of the Italian Progressive Party, left here today to visit positions held by men of Lt. Gen. Poitikes' 1st Canadian Corps along the Asiatic front.

He had arrived Sunday and spent the night as a guest of Brig. W.G. "Road of Vancouver" B.C., and other Canadian officers.

Mr. Bracken was accompanied by Lt.-Col. G.W. Gilchrist of Saint John, N.B., his public relations aide.

Mr. Bracken said there was no political significance to his visit to Italy, which was something he had planned for more than a year.

He added that he wanted to see the conditions under which the Canadian war effort might be improved.

He had been discussing rehabilitation and post-war reconstruction problems with British leaders likely to be concerned with them after the war, anticipating the day "when good government comes to Canada" and the liaison thus established would be useful.

This was the only political reference in a brief press conference he granted correspondents last night.

Mr. Bracken confined himself to relating incidents in his trip — which has taken him to the Canadian front in Northern Italy, to Rome and Brussels and to Great Britain.

He said his visit to London had been highlighted by interviews with Prime Minister Churchill and Lord Cranborne, Dominion Secretary.

Mr. Bracken hopes to be back in Canada by the week-end.

140 Schools Now On Correspondence Courses List

Correspondence courses, sponsored by the Department of Education, are going out to several schools in increasing volume. So far, lessons have only been prepared for those pupils in grades from 1 to 7, but it is expected as well to have courses of correspondence instruction prepared for pupils from grades 8 to 10, inclusive.

Mr. Edward McPhail, inspector of schools, is supervising the project.

The courses are being sent to 80 schools which have "pupil" teachers in order to assist those untrained in their work. They are also going to 80 schools whose teachers were at one time accredited but, on account of long absence from the teaching profession have had to receive permits to teach again. The courses are also going to

City Council Discusses Truck Misadventure

As from today, no city automotive equipment is to be loaned without an order signed by the Mayor and the Chairman of the department involved. The order is the result of a special meeting of the City Council called last night to enquire into the incident which resulted in the new city truck and plow breaking through the ice a few hundred feet off the shore from Fort Edward.

The Mayor, who presided at the meeting, opened the enquiry by asking two questions: (a) who took possession of the truck for the city? and (b) who ordered the truck out to clear the ice for the Victoria Driving Club?

Coun. B. Earle MacDonald answered the first question by informing His Worship that Coun. P. C. Dougan, City Engineer H. A. Mestrey, and himself took over the truck for the city.

Coun. J. T. McKee said he would like to hear the second question answered as he could not understand how the truck was allowed on the harbour ice.

No Mystery

Coun. Dougan said there was no mystery as to the identity of the person who had ordered the truck out; that he, as chairman of the street committee, had taken that responsibility. It was an old custom, Coun. Dougan said; the precedent for loaning snow-cleaning equipment to the Driving Club had

Predicts Election In June Or Earlier

EDMONTON, Jan. 22 — (CP) — R.A. Bell of Ottawa, national director of the Progressive Conservative party today predicted a general election by next June and probably earlier.

Progressive Conservatives now have 108 candidates nominated for the 242 Federal seats and of those nominated 43 per cent are war veterans, he said.

Coming Events

- Loading dressed hogs Friday, McGuigan and Boyle. 1-23-31.
- Bradaibane Hall, Tuesday, "Last of Mohicans", 8 p.m. 1-22-21.
- Kinkora Hall, Wednesday, "Last of Mohicans", 3 and 8 p.m. 1-22-31.
- Buying live and dressed poultry, Paying top market prices, Island Cold Storage Ltd. 11-17-41.
- Legion Dance in Eldon Hall, Thursday, January 25th. Luncheon 1-23-21.
- Dance, Montague, Thursday, Oddfellows Hall. 1-23-21.
- Come to the Burns Concert, Rose Valley Hall, January 29th. 1-23-21.
- Loading hogs every Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merlyn Drive, Peakes. 1-23-11.
- Reserve Monday night, Feb. 8 for musical film, "La Boheme" at Prince of Wales College Hall. 1-23-11.
- Hockey at Milton tonight, Milton vs. Winsloe. Game starts at 8:30. Skate after. 1-23-11.
- Auction Sale at Edward Kelly's, Greenfield, lost barn by fire, will sell all stock on Friday, January 23th at 1 P. M. G. H. Nelson, Auctioneer. 1-23-11.

City Truck Is Recovered From Harbor Bottom

At 12:30 this morning, the new City truck and plow which had lain since noon last Saturday in some eight feet of water off Fort Edward, was safely pulled back to the shore. It is now at the Imperial Service Station where a number of expert mechanics have been working on the engine.

Credit for the salvaging of the truck goes to Frank Quinn, veteran contractor, to Fred Gates of the above, and to the many members of the Victoria Driving Club and other interested citizens who labored incessantly for the machine's recovery.

At 10 o'clock the willing workers (Continued on page 5, Col. 1)

Inspects Canada M. T. B. Flotilla

LONDON, Jan. 22 — (CP Cable) — Navy Minister, Macdonald, accompanied by Vice-Admiral G.C. Jones, chief of the Canadian naval staff, and J. J. Connelly, the Minister's executive assistant, today flew to a Belgian port to inspect Canada's famous flotilla of motor torpedo-boats which has been operating against German shipping off the Belgian coast.

The Minister met several M.T.B. commanders, including Lt.-Cmdr. Tony Law of Quebec City, C. A. Burk of Toronto and others who had been given six days' leave to return to their homes and had not reported to their units at the end of their leave they were considered deserters.

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Check Employees Under Mobilization Regulations

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 — The Labor Department announced today that 8,812 men of 44,336 reported by employers to mobilization regulations to be not in good standing under mobilization regulations, and either were being military call-up.

The Department said that at the end of December only 838 of the total of 44,336 cases were still being checked.

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(By The Canadian Press)

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE
Toronto, Jan. 22 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Toronto 27, 42; Edmonton 10, 38; Regina 16, 29; Winnipeg 18, 22; Toronto 26, 22; Ottawa 22, 28; Montreal 21, 31; Quebec 11, 27; Saint John 26, 31; Moncton 6, 30; Halifax 21, 36; Charlottetown 14, 20.

Forecast:
Lower St. Lawrence and Lake St. John: Fresh to strong winds and becoming somewhat colder with light snow or sleet. Gulf, Bay Chaleur and North Shore: Strong winds or moderate gales with occasional snow; somewhat colder at night.
Maritimes: Strong winds or moderate gales with light snow and rain; a little colder at night.
High tide this morning at 7:51 and tonight at 5:51.
Sun sets this afternoon at 5:58 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:29.
Full moon January 28th, 2:48 A.M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE
Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton
Leaves Charlottetown 7 A.M. 11:30 A.M.; 5:15 P.M.
Arrives Charlottetown 12:45 P.M. 8:45 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Charlottetown 11:30 A.M. and 4 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 2 P.M. and 5:45 P.M.

CHARLOTTETOWN - NEW GLASGOW
(Daily except Sunday)
Leave Charlottetown 1 P.M. M.
Arrive Charlottetown 5:30 P.M.