

Drive From Sevastopol

Reds Breaking Siege Of Germans

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part of their Sevastopol forces to stem the Russian onslaught on the Kerch Peninsula, only to meet a deadly attack from Soviet warships and coastal artillery and bombs from Soviet and Russian aircraft.

"The Black Sea fleet fulfills with credit its task," the correspondent said.

On the central front, the strengthening arm of the Soviet counter-offensive was reported sweeping the Germans back upon Kurak, 200 miles south of Sevastopol and about 100 miles south of Oril.

Soviet dispatches said that Red Army troops who routed the Germans from 110 to 120 miles east of Kurak, were advancing rapidly and that the road in this area was littered for fifteen miles with Nazi corpses, short-trunk cars and trucks.

"The Germans did everything to retain this line," the Russian said. "A unit commanded by Dobosovskiy outflanked the Germans and penetrated their rear."

On the Lemnizod front, the Russians paid an equal brightening picture, declaring that Red Army troops backed by American-made fighter planes had recaptured 300 square miles of territory and 20 villages in five days after crushing a German offensive.



ON GUARD ON EASTERN COAST—These United States soldiers are standing guard against enemy invasion at a sandbagged outpost somewhere on the Atlantic coast. They are ready to strip their anti-aircraft gun for action if need should arise.

Gigantic Arms Program Offered By F. R. In Message To Congress

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WHEN SEND TO COME

Many people are asking when the war will end, Mr. Roosevelt said, giving this as the sole answer:

"It will end just as soon as we make the most of our combined efforts, our combined determination to fight through and work through until the end—the end of our enemies, Germany and Italy and Japan, and their words we shall not settle for."

He had words of praise for the fighting of Britain, Russia, China and the Dutch in Europe, and too, for the 400 American Marines who put up a gallant but futile defense of Iwo Jima Island.

Hard choices have confronted America, the President said, and he said "we will not be able to relieve the defenders of Wake and Iwo Jima, and a million men and thousands ships in the Philippines."

This adds only to our determination, he said, to see to it that the Stars and Stripes fly again over Wake and Guam and that the brave people of the Philippines be able to live in freedom, security and independence.

"The millions of men who signed a declaration of solidarity January 1 are united not alone in spirit and determination but in the broad conduct of the war in all its phases as well, Mr. Roosevelt said.

MORE CONFERENCE

With a united command already established for the Southwestern Pacific, he promised there would be a continuation of conferences and consultations among military staffs so that the plans and operations of each would fit into a grand strategy against the enemy. There will be no fighting of isolated wars with each nation going its own way, he promised.

"Hitler and his Italian and Japanese partners," Mr. Roosevelt said, "know that victory for us means victory for freedom and for religion."

"And they could not tolerate that," he said. "The world is too small to provide adequate living room for both Hitler and religion. In proof of that, the Nazis have now announced their plan for enforcing their new German racial religion throughout the world—the plan which the Holy Bible and the word of mercy would be displaced by 'Mein Kampf' and the Swastika and the naked sword."

"No compromise can end the war," Mr. Roosevelt assured. "There never has been—there never can be—successful compromise between good and evil," he said. "Only total victory can reward the champions of tolerance, democracy, and freedom, and faith."

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U. S. Planes In Action

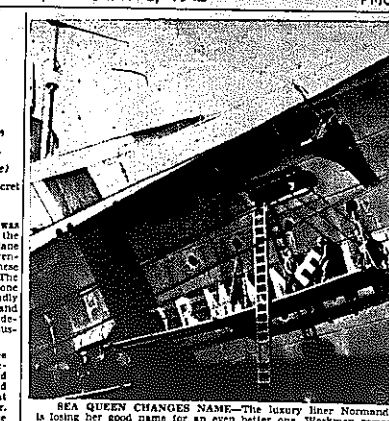
Jap Destroyer Sunk, Battleship Hit

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U. S. SHIP BATTLES

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SEA QUEEN CHANGES NAME—The luxury liner Normandie is losing her good name for an even better one. Workmen removing lettering from side of French vessel taken over by the U. S. Navy and renamed Lafayette.

On the course of this fierce engagement, the attackers dropped 150-pound bombs and launched three torpedoes. The 810-ton seaplane tender, the Albatross, was destroyed and damaged at least one other, and was able to make port safely despite the one bomb hit she sustained.

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Egypt Gives F. R. Thanks

Help Offered Under Lend-Lease Program

CAIRO, Egypt.—The Egyptian Cabinet drafted today a formal message of thanks to President Roosevelt for offering Egypt aid under the Lend-Lease program—aid which was expected here to take the form of food and other supplies.

The President's action was interpreted by observers as a reflection of the Washington's keen interest in the Middle East, where it is felt that the most important strategic area might impact the conduct of the war.

Egypt at present is faced with the imperative necessity of importing some \$50,000,000 worth of wheat and other foodstuffs, they said. While most of this wheat probably will be obtained from the United States, it is expected that America will supply a large amount of chemical fertilizers suited to assure good crops this year.

In addition to drafting the message to President Roosevelt, the cabinet decided on a third meeting daily weekly for the nation.

Bomb Docks In France

Damage Nazi Vessel Off Frisian Islands

LONDON.—British air raiders heavily bombed docks at Bremen, Germany, on Jan. 5, according to a report from the British Ministry of Air.

The raids were carried out with the aid of aircraft, a communiqué said.

(Next, where the German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst and the cruiser Prinz Eugen have been reported docked, has been a frequent target of the RAF. The warships have been the same objectives.)

Japs Admit Going Slow

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contractions at Rioni, Balanga and other points in the Philippines.

The key to the Japanese acknowledgment lay in the reference to Manila, which lies in Zambales Province, six miles north of the Batangas province border, at the head of Subic Bay.

With Gen. MacArthur's troops still holding Subic, it appeared to Manila that the Japanese would not achieve any deep thrust into Batangas, since a major advance would cut off the main supply lines and presumably force them to withdraw southward into Balanga.

But the Japanese have now reversed the situation. The British Far East headquarters acknowledged that hurriedly reported that Japanese attacks by land and by air had been reported at both ends of the front.

As the battleships slow down nearer to Singapore, Japanese forces have attacked the island of Mindanao, inflicting slight damage, and pushing the Japanese forward in the Philippines. Tokyo headquarters reported the sinking of the ship and the destruction of 146 trucks in aerial attacks. General MacArthur's forces since then.

Deaths and Funerals

Mrs. Ida Knight

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida May Richards, resident of Charlotte, former resident of Charlotte, who died Sunday in a Columbus, S. C. hospital, of injuries received in an automobile accident, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Belmont Park Methodist Church, the Rev. W. E. Fitzgerald, pastor, officiated and was assisted by Rev. Jim Smith. Burial was in Wood Cemetery in Gaston county. Surviving Mrs. Knight are her husband, Thomas Knight of the Charlotte Air Base; her father, Oscar Richards, and her stepmother, Mrs. Virginia Richards of 1108 Parson Street, a sister, Miss Marie Richards, a brother, Miss John Richards, a step-sister, Mrs. Sallie Richards of Gaston, and her grandfather, Andrew Alexander of Baltimore.

French Leave Post Vacant

VICHY, Unoccupied France.—The French Government decided today to leave the post of ambassador to Japanese-occupied Thailand vacant and ordered Joseph Helleu to remain in San Francisco, Calif. in charge of the consulate there.

The ministerial post at Bangkok was vacated when the former minister was ordered for reassignment to the Free French Movement in Greece. The position of minister of Helleu's nomination was due to transportation difficulties.

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