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LUMBERTON CRASH KILLS 11

Tanker Rams Bus, Bursts Into Flames

Wagon Involved in Early Morning Tragedy; Several Seriously Injured

LUMBERTON. — (AP) — An early morning collision involving a gasoline tanker, a Queen City Trailways bus, and a wagon on U. S. highway 301 sixteen miles north of here claimed the lives of at least eleven persons and left eighteen injured.

The crash occurred about 5:30 A. M., survivors said, when the gasoline tanker, traveling north toward Fayetteville, side-swiped a wagon, then swerved past along the highway and ploughed into the heavily-laded Trailways bus, which was headed south toward Lumberton. The tanker exploded immediately, causing the bus and tanker both to burst into flames.

AMBULANCE DRIVER'S STORY

J. L. Stephens Jr., a Lumberton ambulance driver, who arrived at the scene of the crash about 6 A. M., told this story of accident.

"When another ambulance driver and I got there about 6 o'clock the tanker and bus were still burning fiercely, and we couldn't tell whether there was anybody in the bus. Those who had managed to clear themselves of the burning wreck had already been carried away in automobiles to hospitals in Lumberton.

"We waited around until the flames died down so we could enter the frame of the bus. There wasn't much left of the bodies, mostly the spinal columns." We picked up eleven men, but there may be others scattered in the wreckage.

"The driver of the bus was sitting under the steering wheel. In one seat near the front a woman with a small child had been sitting, and we found the remains of the child in her arms."

Stephens said one of the survivors told him he broke out glass windows of the bus and was able to rescue four or five before the flames spread to the rear of the bus. He said a Negro redcap who worked at the bus station in Lumberton was on the bus and

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FESPERSMAN TAKES THE JUMPS

As if the Germans and the Japs weren't obstacles enough for the Army Air Forces to have to overcome, the officers at Morris Field who are charged with keeping the men in good physical condition have erected some obstacles of their own. Reporter Tom Fesperman was put through the obstacle course and came out asking for a vacation in order to recuperate from the harrowing experience of this water polo.

WATERLOO ON THE VOLGA

Bomb-battered Stalingrad, smoking in flames, is the doom Hitler's armies, says Columnist Paul Mallon. As

Ceilings on Food Items Ordered by Henderson

National Rent Control Coming

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Price Administrator Leon Henderson today clamped an emergency price ceiling over virtually all food items not previously controlled, and announced that within a few days action would be taken to initiate rent control over every residence and dwelling unit in the country.

By the move, coming within two hours after the Presidential anti-inflation directives, Henderson increased from about 60 per cent to a full 90 per cent the Government's control over the food budget of the average family, and acted to extend rent ceilings over new areas embracing about 80,000,000 people.

60-DAY PERIOD

The emergency food ceiling, effective Monday will last for 60 days and will cover retailers, wholesalers and processors. It covers at the highest level of the past five days—September 28 through Oct. 27—most retail prices on these food items.

Butter, cheese, eggs, poultry, flour, dry onions, potatoes, fresh and frozen fruits and juices, dry edible beans, evaporated and condensed milk, cornmeal, and molasses.

As the score stands, the only important foodstuffs still exempt from price control are fresh fruits and vegetables, citrus fruits, fresh fish, and peanuts—all of a seasonal nature and expected shortly to be brought under special price orders.

PERMANENT CEILINGS

The timing of the 60-day freeze expires, the Office of Price Administration expects to issue permanent price ceilings which will probably reduce the prices of the grocery staples covered.

"Prices of some uncontrolled foods have been running wild," Henderson said. "We shall therefore look into the matter of setting some of them back to a more normal relationship with the rest of the food field."

Secretary Perkins Will Visit Canadian Plants

WELLAND, Ont.—Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell of Ottawa said last night that President Franklin D. Roosevelt will act as the Canadian Minister of Labor on Wednesday on a further inspection tour of Ontario and district plants, he said.

CHARMING VISITORS

Giving Charlotte its first taste of the collegiate football flavor, four Southern football teams moved into the stadium today—Clemson and State meeting this afternoon, Davidson and Hollins scheduled tonight. For full transcripts unloading tons of smoking in flames, may doom Hitler's armies, says Columnist Paul Mallon. As

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South Carolinian Quits High Court To Take Position

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — President Roosevelt gave control of the country's cost of living to Supreme Court Justice James F. Byrnes today and putting the Anti-Inflation Law into effect, called for nationwide rent controls and stabilization of "90 per cent of the nation's food bill."

Byrnes, 63-year-old former Senator from South Carolina, has resigned from the court to undertake the unprecedented job. His title is director of economic stabilization and his task is guiding the whole policy of heading off inflation.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

An executive order from the President directed the National War Labor Board to limit wages and salaries. Price Administrator Leon Henderson to put ceilings on prices and the Secretary of Agriculture Wickard and Henderson together to limit farm

Australians Near Mountain Summit

Japanese Continue Retreat in New Guinea Sector

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia. — (AP) — Steadily advancing Australian ground forces neared the summit of New Guinea's rugged Owen Stanley Mountains today after pushing beyond the tiny hamlet of Menapi with fresh opposition from retreating Japanese troops.

Advises from the front indicated the Australians were within five or six miles of the gap in the crest of the towering ridge through which they fell back barely three weeks ago under the pressure of a strong enemy column driving toward Port Moresby.

A communique announcing the recapture of Menapi, which is about 64 miles northeast of Port Moresby by trail, said there had been no further contact between the opposing forces, though the ground over which the Japanese have been retreating is admirably suited for a surprise attack.

Failure of the Japanese to attempt a stand was attributed by the communique to retreating Allied aerial attacks which have virtually paralyzed their supply lines.

WEATHER

Little change in temperature tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 76; L. 59
Sunset today 5:50
Sunrise tomorrow 6:30

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 9

Note To Readers

Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other enemy countries are published by The News with the caution that they frequently contain false statements intended for propaganda purposes. They should be taken into consideration when reading the stories credited to Axis sources.

Strong RAF Assault Is Made Upon Rhineland

Strikes After Big American Success

LONDON. — (AP) — RAF bombers kept a round-the-clock assault on Germany's war machine rolling last night with a strong smash at the Rhineland which started many fires only a few hours after U. S. Flying Fortresses

bested the Nazi Air Force by shooting down thirteen Focke-Wulf 190's in a raid on Northern France.

The British communique did not identify the exact targets of last night's raid, but it reported that the "strong forces" took part.

FAIL TO RETURN

Seven British bombers failed to return, indicating an attacking force of perhaps 150 planes on the basis of previous averages. In their daylight attack on Northern France, the Fortresses returned to England without loss.

The British attack on Germany was the second in as many nights, following up an assault on the big German submarine building yards at Flensburg.

Swarms of American and Allied fighter planes went along the Fortresses said and shot down five of the Nazis' prized Focke-Wulf 190 fighter planes—thus bringing yesterday's bag to eighteen enemy aircraft.

The main objectives of the Fortresses were the Nazi aircraft factory at Messule and an airfield at St. Omer in Northern France. Retreating bombardiers said they occurred their bombs "bursting all over the targets."

But the most spectacular part of the show was the air battle which broke out all over the sky before the planes reached their goal and resulted in the loss of four back over the English Channel.

American Eagle Squadrons, transferred to the United States Air Force, showed their experienced hands and accounted for four of the five German planes shot down by the fighter escort.

Six Allied fighters were lost but the pilot of one is safe, a communique said.

PORT RAIDED

While the Flying Fortresses were at work U. S. Boston bombers raided the docks at the big French port of Le Havre and likewise returned without loss. The lighter escort for the various operations was credited with the shooting down of 13th night.

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New, Brighter Turn Develops At Stalingrad

Russians Take Initiative—Blast Nazi Flank, City Defenders Strike

By HENRY CASSIDY Associated Press War Correspondent

MOSCOW. — (AP) — The Red Army gave a new brighter turn to the great battle for the Volga Basin today by snatching the initiative from the Germans and bearing down on the Nazi flank in an advance north-west of Stalingrad while defenders within the city also were breaking down the enemy's offensive.

Russian tank and troop attacks carried the defenders of battered Stalingrad to a new front line on the north and strong counterattacks within the city also threatened the besieger's positions there.

The battlefield appeared now to be divided roughly into three zones with the Russians driving across the steps outside the city and along the streets inside, while the Germans persisted in assaults in the suburbs between these two areas.

While the Germans have held the edge in numbers, their greater weight of manpower apparently has been insufficient to swing the scales of the long battle decisively into the hands of the Germans which have arrived recently have served only to fill the breach.

Dispatches which reported the German offensive checked on Stalingrad's northwest sector and the Russians pressing their own attacks there indicated a definite improvement in the Red Army's position. (A British broadcast said "a big tank battle, with hun-

Willkie Demands Immediate Action

War Can't Be Won by Timid Souls, American Declares at Chungking

CHUNGKING. — (AP) — Wendell Willkie pressed tonight for immediate aggressive action, declaring that the war cannot be won by timid souls.

"I view this war as a great world struggle for freedom," Willkie said at a banquet given in his honor by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

"It won't be won by timid souls. It will be won only by bold, courageous men who inspire their people to undertake and carry through to the end the most aggressive and aggressive pushing through to victory."

SAYS ALL WANT ACTION Willkie told the audience, which included leaders of Chinese military and civilian life and diplomatic representatives of the Allied nations that the "common man"

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JAMES F. BYRNES

Cards Grab Early Lead

Score in Third Before 70,000 at New York

Cards. — (AP) — 801 00 Yankees. — (AP) — Without knocking the ball out of the infield, the fleet St. Louis Cardinals jammed across a run in the third inning of Pletcher Spud Chandler of the Yankees to take a 1 to 0 lead in today's third World Series battle before a huge crowd of around 70,000.

George Kurovski opened the rally by working Chandler for the first walk of the game, and reached second as Marty Marion, attempting to sacrifice, beat out a bunt to Chandler.

Both runners then advanced as Pletcher Ernie White laid down a perfect sacrifice, and Kurovski scored on Jimmy Brown's hopper down to Gordon at second. Terry Moore struck out to end the inning.

Marion on his first attempt to sacrifice Kurovski was thrown out at first by Chandler, but the Yankees protested that he had bunted foul, and so he was given a second chance, if the Yanks had not

Report Convoy Left Gibraltar

LONDON. — (AP) — The Swiss radio broadcast a dispatch from Algiers, Spain, today saying a convoy of fourteen cargo ships escorted by a battleship, two destroyers, six destroyers and three submarines left Gibraltar last night headed for the Atlantic.

It was one of many evidences of activity at Gibraltar reported recently by Axis and neutral sources.

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