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CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1942

EIGHT ARMY ROLLS TOWARD HINDU British Advance 40 Miles Into Burma From India NEW GAS PLAN BEING WORKED OUT

Tap Likely To Be Turned On Again Soon

But Flow Expected To Be Thinner—Action Might Come Monday WASHINGTON. — (AP) — The Eastern Seaboard's gasoline tap, ordered closed as an emergency rick, appeared likely to be turned on again Monday light with prospects that the flow of motor fuel will be thinner than the old rationing volume.

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Eastern Transport Systems Get Set For Peak Week-End Loads

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Local public transportation facilities in Eastern cities bulged today with what officials expected would be record numbers of passengers because of the suspension of gasoline purchases and necessary riders were urged to stay home during rush hours.

Japs Retire As British Troops Open Campaign

Initiative Put in Allied Hands NEW DELHI. — (AP) — British troops have crossed the Indian border and advanced some 40 miles into Japanese occupied Burma to the Maungdaw-Buthidaung area, about 60 miles north-west of Akyab on the Bay of Bengal, the British announced today.

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COMES BACK SMILING—Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, aviation hero of two wars and president of Eastern Air Lines, is pictured here as he arrived in San Francisco after his harrowing experience in the Pacific.

Rickenbacker Says Quality Of Jap Pilots Is Going Down

American Fliers Getting Better, World War Flying Acc Declares—Tells of Harrowing Experiences at Sea WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, back from a farflung war, reported today that the quality of Japanese fighter and bomber pilots is "going down very rapidly."

Japanese Continue Fierce Resistance

Allied Troops Seek To Extend Their Control of Buna Village Area ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA. — (AP) — Ground fighting for control of the Buna Government station and its nearby plane landing strip approached a new pitch of intensity today as Japanese troops continued to offer fierce resistance in their attempts to hold this sliver of the New Guinea coast.

U.S. Subs Weaken Nippon Supply Lines, Soften Enemy Isle Bases

By KENNETH L. DIXON WASHINGTON. — (AP) — South-eastern Nippon's grip on the Western Pacific by a steady glancing attack by U.S. submarines were seen today as an undersea vanguard of an eventual large-scale Allied offensive against Japan.

British Drive Westward In Desert Chase

In Tunisia, Big Allied Drive on Tunis and Bizerte May Be Near LONDON. — (AP) — The British chase of Nazi Marshal Rommel's retreating army rolled swiftly westward today and the Moroccan radio reported that vanguards of the pursuers were within nineteen miles of Sirte, 155 miles beyond El Aghaila, starting point of the current drive, and only 440 miles from Tripoli.

See Hand of Touhy Mob

Truck Containing \$200,000 Seized CHICAGO. — (AP) — An armored truck containing \$200,000 in cash was seized by five masked gunmen in a spectacular robbery yesterday in a West Loop plant in a week-long chase by police and FBI.

Guide to Good Reading

NORTH CAROLINA'S FORGOTTEN CHILDREN One of the country's most desperate problems in 1942 is the thousands of neglected children in North Carolina who are the victims of a social system that is filled to overflowing with children who are being neglected.

Weather

Today Cold and early tonight. Tomorrow's temperature: High 40, Low 20. Sunrise today, Sunset tomorrow.

Shopping Days till Christmas