

RUSSIA'S DRIVE TOWARD MOSCOW CASTS IN MATRICAL WATERS

Allies Slash At Enemy's Supply Route

British, French, American Ground Troops Prepare for Heavy Action

LONDON. — (AP) — Two Axis warships and eight merchant vessels were reported today as sunk or damaged in the Mediterranean supply routes to the remaining German-Italian strongholds in North Africa.

Eighth Army Moves On Relentlessly

British 'Unstoppable' in Ponderous, Plodding Advance

By DON WHITEHEAD ZAUTA EN NOPILIA, Tripolitania, Dec. 21. — (Drew) (AP) — Thirty years of Italian sovereignty in Tripolitania appear slowly but inexorably drawing to a close.

Japanese Hampered in New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN GUINEA. — Allied troops continued to hammer at Japanese defenses trapped in the Buna area of Japanese New Guinea.

On African Front: American Guns, Tanks And Men Proving Superior To Germans'

By WES GALLAGHER WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN NORTHWESTERN TUNISIA, Dec. 21. — An American gun unit has been taking part in the action around Medjez-El-Bah.

First British Raid Made On Japs in Dutch Indies

Naval Aircraft Make Attack

LONDON. — (AP) — Carrier-borne British naval aircraft raided the Japanese airfield operations across the westernmost tip of the Netherlands Indies where the Japanese have developed Bay of Bengal bases within 800 miles of Ceylon.

Brazil Will Send Rubber

New Agreement With U. S. Signed

RIO DE JANEIRO. — Shipment of 50,000 tons of Brazilian rubber from the Amazon Valley to the United States during 1943 is in progress under a new agreement between the two nations.

Seven Killed as Bombers Collide

PUEBLO, Colo. — Two four-motored bombers collided in flight over a bombing practice range yesterday. One plummeted to earth, killing its crew of seven.

Worker Marooned on Mountain of Packages

KANSAS CITY. — The record-breaking winter has marooned a worker on a mountain of packages at the Union Station.



BIG TRUCKS ROLL OFF LANDING BOAT—Ten heavy trucks, with guns and supplies trailing, roll off large landing craft as the Engineer Amphibian Command stages a landing near Camp Carabelle, Fla.

Start New Form 'Pep Talks' Of Oil Rationing For Germans

Ickes' Program Will Backstop OPA By Going to Source of Supply

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Aimed at preventing a recurrence of last week's gasoline crisis in the East, a new form of rationing for East Coast gasoline and fuel oil suppliers has been instituted by Petroleum Administrator Ickes.

Six Zones of Allotment For Petroleum Products

NEW YORK. — The petroleum thirty Eastern Seaboard was split into six zones of allotment of petroleum products under a program set up for the remainder of the year.

C'est La Guerre The News To Publish On Christmas Day

The Charlotte News will be published on Christmas Day. Prior to the war it was the custom of The News to suspend publication on December 25 but in view of the war situation The News feels that its readers should not be deprived of their paper for the day.

Fake G-Men Springing Up Over Country--Ruses Used To Get Gas

By KENNETH L. DIXON WASHINGTON. — Don't look now, but that gassy "G-Man" you met in the barber shop may be an impostor who is trying to get some extra gasoline.

Drive Strikes To Within 132 Miles Of City

Advance on Eastern Ukraine Front Some 200 Miles West of Stalingrad

MOSCOW. — (AP) — Russia's middle Don offensive has thrust to within 132 miles of Rostov, and despite the counter attacks of reinforced Nazi armies has moved onto the eastern Ukraine along a straightening front some 200 miles west of Stalingrad, the Russians reported today.

Higgins To Build Planes

Cargo Craft To Be Constructed

WASHINGTON. — A contract under which Andrew J. Higgins New Orleans shipbuilder, will build a large number of cargo carrying airplanes for the Army was formally announced today by the War Department.

Guide to Good Reading

One dispatch said the Russians now hold not merely a series of positions but, formed a long, straight front deep in machine-gun positions, mortars and anti-aircraft guns.

Weather

Slightly lower temperatures tonight. Today's Temp. H. 49; L. 31. Sunset Today 6:11. Sunrise Tomorrow 6:11. Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 18.



Shopping Bay till Christmas

