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ALLIES HOLD TUNISIAN HEIGHTS; AIR & NAVAL USE OF DAI

French West African Port Thrown Open

Section of French Fleet There May Be Utilized By Allies

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Allies have gained air and naval use of the prized
inch West African port of Dakar—and perhaps the section
he French fleet there as well—to offset the ships the
is salvaged indianaged or able to be repaired from the
dling of the Toulon fleet.

Heavy Snow **Hampers Red** Offensive **Operations**

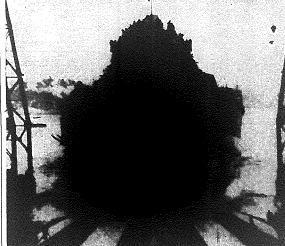
But Slow-Going Smashes Made

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW — (AP)—Heavy
snows along the Russian
front, coupled with fierce
German counterattacks, hanpered offensive operations of
the Red Army, today but
Soviet authorities said their
troops still pushed ahead in
slow-going smashes at German fortifications and communications.

regagements.

"In on sector did the enemy succeed in gaining positions between the gaining positions between the gaining position between the gaining position in any way," the communique stated.

More than 800 Germans were under the gaining of the Stations were under the communique said, and wearth 2000 were listed killed on the Central Front line west of Moscow.



NEWEST AND MIGHTLEST U.S. BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED—The U.S.S. New Lansaye described by the Navy as the heaviest battleship ever constructed, slides down the ways in the Philadelphia Navy Yard at her launching eighteen months ahead of schedule. The gigantic warship, displacing approximately 52,000 tons at full load, was one of numerous war craft launched Dec 7, first anniversary of the Jap sneak attack on Pearl Harber.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox re ed today that of 75 French ships of all types in Toulor bor when the Germans moved in, twenty apparently were intact, 51 were sunk or damaged or are now unaccounter Production

Knox Reports That Not All Toulon

Ships Were Successfully Scuttled

Some Of French

Vessels "Intact"

Knudsen Looks Forward to "Peak"

Gain Made

Japs Forced Back Final Cotton Onto Sand Spits

Allied Planes Smash at Enemy Troops in New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA—(AP)— Allied fliers ranged far to punish Japanese air and sea bases ringing New Guinea, and dive bombers smashed re-peatedly at Japanese troops forced back onto sand spits between Gona and Buna, while howters tolbulch their shells onto the besieged troops, an Allied communique suid today,

Japs Pledged

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African Air Battle May Decide Air Supremacy Over All Europe

Tank Battle Rages On; Air **Blows Struck**

Both Sides Trying for Decisive Punch in North African Struggle

LONDON—(AP)—Allied forces were reported to be holding solidly today on the heights dominating Tebourba while tanks battled for the third successive day in a no man's land south of the Tunisian town, key to the approaches to Bizerte and Tunis.

Both sides were striking heavily by air, trying for the decisive battle punch and to choke off supplies and reinforcements which might tip the balance.

While Britsins Eighth Army still paused before El Aphella. In Libra, Allied planes struck again by night Sundry against Bizerte and followed up yesterday with bomb and cannon radis on La Goulette, mine miles to the east, and the enemy-held port of Stax in Central Tulians. Assis air attacks were simed at 58.307 Figure Hands-

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Besides the Philippeville raid, addied, Asix plants destroyed a number of Allied planes on a number of Allied planes on

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Sarcasm Wasted on Madame Blabbermouth

CHICAGO—(2)—The lady in the dining car wasn't speaking in a whisper when she told the waiter all about himself, his shortcomings, and her opinion of rationing when he refused to get her a second cup of cof-

A soldier sitting nearby arose

Good Reading

Guide to

Burglar Takes Chance

Marines Have The Situation Well In Hand On Guadalcanal Island

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till Christmas



Defeat of

Shopping Pays