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LAWYERS S. BOMBERS STAGNATE ENEMY RAID ON WAKE ISLAND

Allied Subs And Planes Soften Axis For Battle

Tunisian Supply Lines Hard Hit

LONDON.—(AP)—Allied submarines and planes scored new successes in the Tunisian battle of supply as patrols on both sides tested the battle lines, possibly as a preliminary to the decisive test of strength.

CRETE AIRDROME HIT

In another attack on Axis supply arrangements, raiders from the Middle East Command also visited Airdrome in Crete and set enemy fires, the command said.

There was no report from the British Eighth Army, however, of a continued pressure toward the south end of the island line in northern Tunisia.

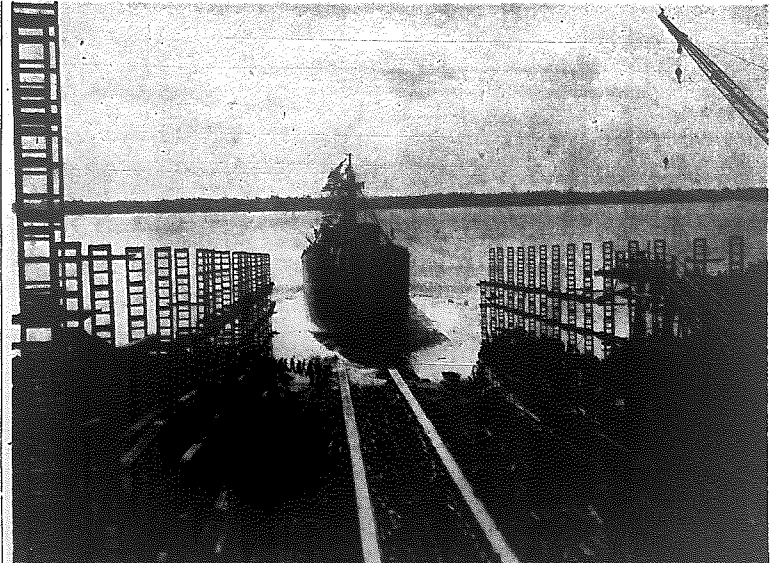
Previously French forces had reported exerting pressure south of Point Du-Fahs, but there was no reliable indication whether the Germans had penetrated into Allied lines in this operation.

Mummers Cut Up For Last Time

PHILADELPHIA.—(AP)—The Mummers cut up the King of Fun—said good-bye until victory day in a gay New Year's Day parade before hundreds of thousands of spectators jamming the curbs and sidewalks of mid-city Broad Street.

Nose To The Grindstone, Nation Ushers New Year In Amid 'Cold Fact' Capital Forecasts

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The New Year was born today to a nation grinning for a total wartime victory amid official prognostics that each of its 285 days will be a grim, tortuous struggle toward victory.



CHARLOTTE SHARES PRIDE—Sliding majestically down the ways and destined for service against the Axis powers, the Liberty ship "E. Kirby Smith" is photographed as she was launched at the Federal Shipbuilding Corp. yard of the J. A. Jones Construction Co. of Charlotte. This vessel, named to honor General Kirby Smith of the Confederate Army, was the first constructed at the Wainwright Yards. Going down to the sea four months ahead of schedule, this steel vessel represents an industrial miracle accomplished by the company headed by J. A. Jones, as it was only last May that ground for this shipyard was broken on the Florida shore. Soon other steel cargo carriers for the United States will slide down the Wainwright ways.

Mystery Sea Battle Rages

Nazi Tirpitz, Prinz Eugen May Be Trapped

LONDON.—(AP)—A sharp battle between units of the British and German fleets apparently still was being fought somewhere in northern waters today but news of the engagement was limited to a terse Admiralty communique last night which reported a hard cruiser damaged and a destroyer possibly sunk.

Japs Put Up New Defense At Kiska

Zeroes Surprise Attacking U. S. Planes; Bag Three in Aleutians

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Navy reported today that four Japanese "Zero" float planes had shot down two American lightning fighters and a bomber while losing only one of their own number in a battle over Kiska in the Aleutian Islands.

Victory Tax Hits Incomes

Five Per Cent Hunk Coming Out of Checks

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Starting today the average American who works for a living will have to get along with at least 5 per cent less income, but eventually he will get some of it back in one form or another.

War Fails To Muffle Times Square Cutups

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Broadway was slightly reminiscent today of a circus grounds the day after the circus left, but it was 1943 received quite a welcome white it lasted.

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This time there were the usual laughing crowds in the streets at midnight, with 500,000 celebrants estimated to be jammed into the Times Square area alone.

Stalingrad Siege Ended, Soviets Aim For Caucasus

Troops Spurt Beyond Elista

BY HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW.—(AP)—Leaving the Malmeyk capital of Elista far in its rear, the Red Army has driven to the shores of the great lake east of Salsk in an offensive aimed directly at the Caucasus after trapping 22 divisions and capturing 212,650 of the enemy, the Russians reported today.

Mass Night Attack Finds Enemy Asleep

Half the Defenders Killed as Yanks Drop 76,000 Pounds of Explosives

ABOARD A BOMBER OVER WAKE ISLAND, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Huge American bombers plunged from the high heavens today on unsuspecting Wake Island and plastered the Japs with 76,000 pounds of bombs in the biggest mass raid of the Pacific war.

FR Stresses World Unity

A 'Must' for Post-War Peace, He Declares

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that it was a "supreme necessity" to plan for the post-war peace and to carry forward after the war the unity now being displayed by the United Nations.

French Rout Motorized Unit

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A Bunch Of Mr. Smiths Today's Washington Forecast: Scattered Showers Of Confusion

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A bunch of Mr. Smiths, men who arrived a few days early to look things over were reliably reported today to be of the opinion that there is considerable about the capital which does not meet the eye.

Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones is not usually found at the Commerce Department, but at the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

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WEATHER

Today's Temp.: High 41, Low 24. Sunrise Today 7:15 a.m. Sunset Tomorrow 5:45 p.m.