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# Allies Reach Town 23 Miles From Rome

# Rail Centers Fall to Reds In the North

Soviets Closing In on Two Other Lines; Open Big Drive at Kirovograd

BULLETIN

Last night's Russian communique announced Red troops had cut the Nazi escape railway from Krasnovardeysk to

Red Army tanks and guns, developing a vast strategic plan to destroy Germany's northern armies or drive them off Soviet soil, blasted their way into two large rail junctions south of Leningrad yesterday and closed in on two important railways as the enemy revealed a great new Russian offensive in the Kirovograd area in the south

Rolling forward to the battle cry, "We'll drown the Germans in Lake Peipus"—a shout recalling Alexander Nevsky's victory in the Middle Ages over Teutonic knights who drowned in the lake after a battle on its frozen surface—the Rus-sians pushed their northern offensive at gathering speed, prompting a German commentator to describe it as "one of the greatest battles in the whole of Russia."

Fall of Pushkin, the former Czarist residence of Tsarskoye Selo, 17 miles south of Leningrad, and Pavlovsk (Slutsk), four miles southeast of Pushkin, was announced last night in a special order of the day by Marshal Stalin. The two rail junction points were described by the Russians as "powerful centers of enemy resistance.

#### Massive Drive in South

At the same time, Col. Ernst von Hammer, German military commentator, described a massive Russian assault launched along a broad front before Kirovograd, in the Dnieper Bend. He said the Red Army threw in a great number of fighting divisions and armored formations in a possible effort to build up an offensive that would be the equal of the attack in the north.

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A short time previously, the German
News Agency had announced the evacuation of a stretch of marshland west of
Novgorod, 100 miles south of Leningrad,
before strong Soviet forces advancing
with powerful artillery and tank support.
The admission suggested the Germans
were retiring to Luga, their main rear
base on the northern front.
The Russians meanwhile smashed for-

The Russians meanwhile smashed forward in the Pripet marshes west of Mozyr, driving nearly 60 miles west of that jump-off town in a major assault on Bobruisk, junction on the rail line to Minsk. They drove deep wedges into the enemy defenses here and pushed within 18 miles of the former White Russian

frontier. Von Hammer told of bitter fighting at the Russians' new bridgehead immediately north of the town of Kerch, in the Crimea. He said battles were going on in the harbor area, but claimed the Russians so far had not been able to

break into the town.

Capture of Pushkin and Pavlovsk on the northern front brought the Russians at some points within half a dozen miles of the important lateral railway running from Tosno, 30 miles southeast of Leningrad, to Narva in Estonia. Meanwhile, other advances menaced the 50-mile German-held stretch of the Leningrad-Moscow railway from Tosno to Chudovo, 75 miles southeast of the northern capital.

#### AFL Starts Ball Rolling For UMW Readmission

MIAMI. Jan. 24—The executive council of the AFL unanimously adopted a resolution today authorizing creation of a committee to negotiate with the United Mine Workers on teadmission to the AFL. The committee was authorized define conditions under which IJMW, which walked out of the AFL in 1936 under the leadership of John L. Lewis, may return.

#### Roosevelt Orders Navy To Take Over War Plant

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24-President Roosevelt ordered the Navy Department today to seize and operate the York (Pa.) plant of the York Safe and Lock Co. because of "unsatisfactory management conditions." The firm has \$100,000,000 worth of war contracts.





No Mountain Barriers Here

## **Heavies Pound** Reich in West: B26sHitFrance

Marauders, RAF Planes Deal Pas de Calais Month's 19th Blow

American heavy bombers attacked scattered targets in western Germany in daylight vesterday after Marauders and other medium bombers had resumed their pounding of secret targets along the invasion coast of northern France.

First official announcement of the heavy-bomber attacks did not list targets or figures on losses and enemy aircraft destroyed. The heavies were escorted by Thunderbolts, Lightnings and long-range Mustangs.

Vichy radio claimed that ten villages in Normandy were bombed in the attacks.

The Marauders opened the day's air offensive with a hammering of the invasion coast, followed by RAF formations. It was the 19th day this month that Allied planes had been over the matterious Nazi installations in the Pass mysterious Nazi installations in the Pas

de Calais area. Just after sunrise the first wave of Marauder medium bombers, escorted by fighters, opened the second consecutive day's assault on targets which may be emplacements for Hitler's secret rocket guns. Mosquitoes, Mitchells and Bostons picked up the attack as the Marauders came home, and while the early-morning good weather beld, RAF Hurribombers and Bombphoons hit other targets. One RAF fighter-bomber, was reported fighter-bomber was missing.

The attacks came after a night in which the RAF sent Mosquitoes to harass western Germany, starting Nazi sirens for the third time in four nights. Other aircraft laid mines in enemy waters, all without loss.

Meanwhile, a recapitulation on Sunday's daylight attacks showed the loss of one Marauder and one fighter of the big force of light and medium aircraft which hammered Nazi airfields, as well as the secret targets in the Pas de Calais area. American fighters at the same time were

sweeping French skies without opposition. Marauders alone dropped more than 300 tons of bombs in Sunday's raids; no bomb tonnages were given for the RAF bombers which also were out. Fighter escorts destroyed four Nazi planes, Marauder gunners one.

unusual bomber crew that has four pilots,

but the B17 Just Right didn't have any

to spare when a single flak burst put

three of them out of action on a mission

to northwest Germany.

How 1/Lt. Edward M. Sharp, of Springfield, Ill., one of four pilot officers aboard, flew the ship home after starting

out in the tail-gun position was revealed

here today.

The flak burst killed 1/Lt. Joseph F. Zardin, co-pilot, from Mentor, Ohio, and severely wounded 1/Lt. Paul Paulsen, pilot, from Hinton, Ia., and Maj. Gale W. House, riding just back of the cockpit

and flying as group leader-observer. With these pilots out of action, Lt. Sharp scrambled forward from the tail, took

4-Pilot Fort Is Brought Home

By Only One Still Able to Fly

A FORTRESS BASE, Jan, 24-It's an | over the controls and headed for home.



Top-U.S. columns reported near Aprilia, five miles from Nettuno, as troops fan out across the sandy plain leading to the Appian way. Bottom—In first picture of Allied landings, U.S. troops, carrying Bazooka guns, wade ashore at Nettuno.

# Report Ex-'America Firsters' Seeking a Negotiated Peace

NEW YORK, Jan, 24-The New York Post said today that former members of the America First organization, now operating through a body calling itself "Peace Now," with headquarters in New York, had

body calling itself "Peace Now, with head,"
launched a campaign for a negotiated peace.

The paper said "intensive investigation" had disclosed that:

"1—Peace Now is seeking to recruit key America Firsters throughout
the U.S. to creat local units of the move-

#### Censors' Secrecy Lifted On M4 Artillery Tractor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24-With the announcement that the M4 prime mover now was in full production, the War Department lifted the lid of censorship from the new-type, high-speed artillery

Weighing 18 tons, the tractor resembles a tank and can carry not only heavy artillery but the gun crew and some ammunition. The M4 will take over the job of trucks, half tracks, regular crawler tractors and other units used for moving

Designed to "get there first with the most fire power," the M4's powerful crawler treads are not stopped by hubdeep mud or rugged terrain. Firing can start just as soon as the emplacement is set up.

The flak also wounded a fourth crew member, T/Sgt. Travis P. Howell, top-

turret gunner from Marked Tree, Ark.

and started a fire in the top turret by setting off a belt of .50 cal. shells.

After Howell extinguished the flames, the homing bomber was picked up by a P38 which feathered one engine to reduce

speed and escorted Just Right back to

Arden, Duluth, Minn., waist gunners.

"2—Charles A. Lindbergh and Senators Wheeler and Nye and other Congressmen have been informed pri-vately of the movement's program.

"3—The Peace Now movement is dis-tributing by mail thousands of pamphlets and handbills demanding a premisely ment. "2—Charles

id nandbills demanding a peace.
"4—The movement's organizers are

considering forming a political peace party for the coming Presidential elec-tion."

The Post said that Wheeler and Nye had given advice to at least one of the Peace Now leaders, but that there was no

evidence of Lindbergh's participation.
(Led by a group of isolationists, the
American First Committee conducted a
campaign before Pearl Harbor to keep the United States out of the war. Its drive was the subject of much criticism in the press and among leading patriotic and pro-Allied organizations, notably William Allen White's Committee to Defend America by Helping the Allies. One criticism directed against the group was that its functions are provided in the control of was that its functions were unwittingly of assistance to the Axis. Its chairman was Gen. Robert Wood, president of Sears Roebuck and Co.)

Miss Bessie Simon, who identified herself as national secretary of the movement, said the chairman was Dr. George Hartmann, an instructor at Harvard

Hartmann, at Cambridge, said: "We think we are doing pretty well. Judging (Continued on page 4)

#### 15 Are Killed When Train And Bus Crash at St. Louis

others in the 12-man crew were 1/Lt. Leonard P. Blatnica, Pittsburgh, bombardier; 2/Lts. Hunter H. Harrell, Agua Dulce, Tex., and Robert Clowes, Buffalo, N.Y., navigators; T/Sgt. Joseph J. Zarrielle, radio operator; S/Sgts. Richard E. Litherland, ball turret; Francis A. Weitzel, Menomonie, Wis., and James E. Arden, Duluth, Minn., waist gunners. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24 (Reuter)-Fifteen persons were killed and ten others in-jured, seven critically, in a collision yester-day between a passenger train and a bus. Five of the victims were trapped in the flaming wreckage of the bus, which broke

# Drive Carries Within 4 Miles Of Appian Way

#### Germans Battle in the South To Cut Pressure and Let Them Switch North

American and British troops, fanning out from four miles of bridgeheads across the sandy plains leading to Rome, were reported by German radio last night to have reached Aprilia, small village only 23 miles from the Italian capital and less than four miles from the Appian Way-Kesselring's lifeline to his armies farther south. The German Tenth Army, launching a series of furious

counter-attacks on the southern front, yes-terday forced American troops of the Fifth Army back across the Rapido River, in a maneuver apparently designed to dis-rupt Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's main forces and give the Nazis a chance to swing around and deal with Allied in-

Late dispatches last night said that heavy equipment, supplies and men were being rushed ashore almost unmolested in the Nettuno-Anzio area south of Rome under a curtain of shell-fire from Allied

cruisers pounding Nazi communications along the Appian Way.

According to a German radio commentator, quoted by United Press, Allied troops may be as far inland as 12 miles northeast and five miles northwest of

Nettuno.

The UP report said a small Allied reconnaissance party had dug in on the outskirts of Littoria, a small village on the Appian Way itself and about 12 miles from the Allied bridgehead, while strong U.S. patrols had been thrown back near Aprilia, five miles inland from Nettuno on a secondary road running to the Appian Way from the sea coast.

Brazzaville radio said that the Allied bridgehead south of Rome now extended about 6 miles inland.

#### Rail Points Bombed

With full control of the sunny skies above the Fifth Army bridgehead, U.S. heavy bombers switched over to tactical bombing and made endless strong attacks

bombing and made endless strong attacks yesterday on key rail points and highways over a wide area in an effort to prevent Kesselring from bringing up reinforcements in any strength.

However, German radio asserted that troops from the north were being rushed to meet the Allied spearheads.

Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, supreme Allied commander in the Mediterranean theater, said the bulk of the British and American invasion force already had been landed in a great surprise operation almost totally undetected by the Germans.

by the Germans.

On the main Fifth Army front the Germans aimed fierce thrusts against the Americans, French and British in several night attacks. French troops in the mountains north of Cassino repelled all attacks and stood firm at the end of the Gustav line.

In the central sector the Nazis directed more than a dozen blows against the U.S. bridgehead across the Rapido River until he U.S. ammunition was exhausted and the battered Americans had to retire across the river, protecting their withdrawal with bayonet fighting.

Ridge Lost, Regained
In the coastal area the Germans launched another series of counterattacks against bridgeheads across the Garigliano. The British lost the ridge commanding the area but regained it with

an early-morning raid.

In contrast to the heavy battle being fought to the South, the Allied amphibious forces were encountering only light opposition on their inland march from

Nettuno was captured so easily that (Continued on page 4)

#### Shouting Red Captives Greet Yanks Near Rome

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, South of Rome, Jan. 23 (delayed) (UP)-The biggest surprise American troops landing south of Rome got as they advanced on towns suddenly deserted by German troops billeted there was the appearance of a large group of men in enemy uniform, who ran toward the Allied troops shouting, "Russki! Russki!"

They were Russian prisoners the Germans had captured in the Ukraine.

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#### The German Game

A recent editorial in the New York Times paints the situation in Germany in clear and vivid colors. Claims the Times, "Germany no longer has any hope of total victory. That is apparent in strategy, her military leaders and pronouncements by her propagandists. She is fighting defensively on every front and is unlikely to regain the initiative. That is the meaning of the withdrawal of Hitler's legions in the East, the desperate tactics of the Luftwaffe in the West and of the changed tone of such periodicals as Doctor Goebbels' Das Reich, which have switched to attempts to convince the German people that they are fighting now for their lives.

"Hitler and his Nazis have lost the war but neither they nor the army are ready yet to concede defeat by agreeing to accept terms of unconditional surrender. The reason is that they are still nursing hopes that the grand alliance of Russia, Britain and the United States will disintegrate under the pressure of political problems and differences and that they can then negotiate a compromise peace. It appears to be the belief of the Nazi propagandists that the United States is too far removed from the battlefront, too soft and too preoccupied with its struggle with Japan to care much whether war in Europe ends in complete victory or a They are counting upon heavy Allied casualties and stalemate war to enable them to stave off the complete defeat that confronts them. From now on we may expect an intensification of political and diplomatic efforts to drive the Allies apart, a toughening of the defense of the Reich itself, a magnification of Allied casualties in the West and a spate of propaganda directed especially at America.

Mix the Times "suggestion" with a few secret weapons, shake well over a political year, and you have the ideal set-up for a peace that will enable the next German "Leader" to attack the world again 25 years hence.

#### Fiat Money

When Allied troops land in enemyoccupied countries, Allied invasion money goes with them. This currency then becomes the legal tender for the reoccupied communities.

Back of the invasion currency is the guarantee of the Allied governments involved, and fiat currency spent by the Allied military government in Italy is already scheduled for complete redemption by the American and British

Methods of achieving this end are now in operation. At present Great Britain and the United States are accepting fiat notes as payment for goods and services being supplied to Italy for relief and reconstruction such as fuel and food-

Another method now being used by the Allied governments to redeem invasion currency is to finance purchases from other supply areas such as Turkey and North Africa. By this method Italy pays the Currency Exchange Headquarters for goods received with fiat money, and then either Great Britain or the United States pays the country which supplied the goods.

Officials say the United States is also prepared to transfer some of its gold to Italy should the balance of services rendered to the Allied military government outweigh the amount of goods sent to Italy so that there is fiat money outstanding. Britain will also balance credits and debits, if need be, with pounds

As soon as Italy is able to organise a stable government the entire supply of fiat money will be withdrawn to prevent embarrassment to future Italian financial economy. In this manner a nation occupied by the Allied armies will be able to re-establish its financial position without danger of inflation resulting from German produced "paper" with which all Nazi-occupied nations are now

# Hash Marks

GI Philosophy. It's a great life if your dont's weaken.

Via the underground comes word that civilian morale is getting so low in some German cities that hotel clerks, when confronted with a potential guest request-ing a room, frequently ask, "Do you want it to sleep in or to jump from?"

Bus etiquette, or Fun on the Home Front: A lovely looking young dame stepped into a crowded bus. An old



man promptly got up and gave her his seat. Pretty soon a handsome young man got on. The young lady quickly got up, gave the young guy her seat-and then sat in his lap.

Signs of the Times. When a Brooklyn couple, both defense workers, left the church after their recent marriage, they walked under an arch of honor made up of blow torches and rivet guns held over their heads by fellow workers.

Conversation on the Home Front. A man and his ever-loving spouse were standing at a bus station. Said the wife indignantly, "Did you see the way those soldiers stared at that girl as she got on the bus?" "What soldiers?" asked hubby dreamily.

Said the absent-minded sales girl as she kissed the soldier good night, "Will that be all?"

Poem of the Week:

Mary knew a little lamb
Whose love she much preferred,
But she couldn't wait
And so she wed
A wolf who'd been deferred.

This "English as she is spoke" is really creeping into our conversations. An officers' mess cook, Sgt. William Morris of a Fighter station, dropped 15 plates and turned to find the "CO" standing in the doorway. Weak-kneed, Sgt. Morris was braced when the "CO" commented, "A smashing show, sergeant, a smashing show!" and strolled away.

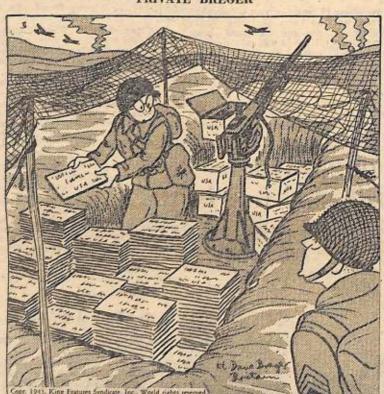
This Week's Silly Story. A Colonel passed a GI who failed to throw him a salute. "Why didn't you salute me?"



the officer asked. "I'm sorry," said the GI, "I didn't see you, sir." "Good?" said the Colonel, "I was afraid you were mad at me.

Today's Daffinition. A bachelor is a guy who can have his lap full without having his hands full.

PRIVATE BREGER



"WHO told you that you get a free bicycle for five hundred cartridge



### The Men Who Fly It Swear by New U.S. Fighter

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer A MUSTANG BASE, Jan. 24-The P51B is the most successful secret weapon of the war-and it was a secret everyone knew about.

In 15 missions over enemy territory a lone Mustang group has destroyed 41 German planes for the loss of six of its own, and has safely shepherded an in-estimable number of heavy bombers to and from Germany.

This single, All-American fighter group, under command of 27-year-old Col. Kenneth R. Martin, of Kansas City, Mo., came as an experiment to this toughest of war theaters, and has done things that the Germans haven't even claimed for their Buck Rogers rocket ships. It has gone places that mere mention of which would have caused any experienced RAF Spitfire pilot to laugh ten months ago. (Fighters just didn't go 450 miles into Germany.)

And not one of the six Mustangs missing was lost to enemy fighter action. Col. Martin attributes these losses to mechanical difficulties bound to come up in several thousand hours of anyone's

#### Tells the Story

Figuring that a good percentage of pilots of the lost ships got out before they crashed, 1/Lt. Henry E. Fisk, of Spokane, Wash., one of the Mustang airmen, with 12 missions, tells his group's

"While we have a few 'extra hot' pilots most of us. I guess, are average fliers. The two secrets of our success so far are the P51 itself and our training. We got together as a group flying P39s on the Pacific coast 14 months ago, and most of us have been together ever since

"We started off with two light operations over here, taking in a couple of northern France sweeps at first. On Dec. 11 we went to Emden, and two days later to Kiel. That is where we showed we could go to a target right in Germany and stick around To fight and protect the bombers. I have a strong feeling for those guys in the Forts and Libs. They have to wade right through that flak and stuff. I see red when the Nazis queue up on a straggling bomber.

almost all the Mustan Since Dec. 13 missions have been "in Germany" pene-



Secret weapon P51B—the Mustang—is serviced at an English base, (on. Below, four Mustang pilots, formerly in the RAF, talk over a mission. Left to right: 1/Lt. Donald E. Frye, Wichita, Kan.; Capt. R. L. Priser, Troy, Ohio; 1/Lt. Donald D. Nee, Whittier, Cal., and 1/Lt. T. L. Donahoo, Abilene, Tex.

trations, working up to a climax in the multiple operation against the Oscher-sleben-Halberstadt-Brunswick, at Berlin's front door.

Operational experience in the ETO adds up to a little over six weeks to date, but this Mustang group already has its quota of topflight records.

In one scrap over Germany, 2/Lt. Edward R. Ryan, of Los Angeles, shot down an Mel10, and was maneuvering back up to the bombers when he noticed another German riding on the tail of his wingman, 2/Lt. Don McDowell, also of Los Angeles.

"That shot was too easy for Jerry,"
Ryan said, "and since I didn't have time
to get behind him, I decided to scoot
between the two and draw off the
German's fire. I figured a deflection shot
at me would never score." Ryan went
between his wingman and the enemy
pursuit—and returned to base with his tail
completely riddled by bullets.

#### **Holiday Celebration**

Col. Martin, a senior pilot who joined the Army Air Forces in February, 1937, got his first plane, an Me109, on the New Year's Eve attack in France.

The group executive, Lt. Col. Wallace Packard, of Salt Lake City, and a squadron CO, Maj. George B. Bickell, of Nutley, N.J., were in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Capt. Carl P. Giles, operations officer from Salem, Ore., flew on combat from Clark Field in the Philippines when the Japs came over, and was one of the first pilots in this war to be awarded the DSC. Maj. James H. Howard, of St. Louis, who achieved fame for his solo battle with 30 Nazis Jan. 11, was with the AVG under Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, and Capt. Robert I. lark Field in the Claire Chennault, and Capt. Robert L. Priser, of Tucson, Ariz., another squadron commander, was with the Eagle Squadron.

Squadron.

While the average pilot speaks about his airplane in superlatives, Mustang men add a distinctive emphasis to their descriptions. Maj. Howard talks about range and others point out that 40 of the 41 airplanes they have shot down since 10 mag. Justin 1 mag. destroyed at least 300 miles. Dec. I were destroyed at least 300 miles

from their home base.

1/Lt. Robert W. Stephens, of St. Louis, flew formation for awhile with an Mel 10 after his guns had gone out, while his wing man, 1/Lt. Lowell K. Brueland, of Callendar, Ia., came up behind and shot down the Jerry. Stephens, who now knows how the German looks close up, talks especially about the Mustang's maneuverability. "It'll out-turn anything," he said. And others agree on the ship's superiority over everything the enemy has thrown against it.

A Look at the Record

When general flying and fighting ability are discussed, the P51 people simply quote the records:

In this group's last two major encounters with the enemy—over Kiel on Jan. 5 and Oschersleben on Jan. 11—the Mustangs destroyed 33 Germans, probably destroyed nine more, and damaged an additional 12. Some of them were peppered with enemy bullets, but not a single P51B was lost.

The story of the Mustang, the first military plane to be developed in from their home base. 1/Lt. Robert W. Stephens, of St. Louis,

low-level attack plane that developed into an all-round high and low-altitude aircraft capable of anything, from escorting bombers to bombing on its own.
The original Mustang was manufac-

tured in small numbers for the RAF. That was in November, 1941. On May 10, 1942, it made its first combat mission over an airdrome on the French coast, shooting up a freight train and two lorries on the way home. Some RAF pilots became enthusiastic, but others said, "Well, just another American fighter." One Eagle Squadron pilot, in talks to American aviation cadets in the States in the summer of 1942, called the P51 "another good plane—that is, good for operational training."

#### A Success in the South

In the Mediterranean theater, Americans flew the original ship for the first time, achieving successes in North Africa,

Sicily and Italy.

The present Mustang model was manu-

The present Mustang model was manufactured for the first time last spring, and made its debut over Europe when Col. Martin took his group to France Dec. 1.

It is powered with a 1,500 horsepower Packard-manufactured Rolls Royce Merlin engine, includes a two-stage, two-speed supercharger for altitude, has an updraft carburetor, a four-blade propeller, and racks under each wing which can carry either 500-lb, bombs or droptanks, each capable of holding 75 gallons of gasoline. capable of holding 75 gallons of gasoline.

of gasoline.

Ground-crew chiefs who have been servicing Allison engines say the Merlin is a more difficult engine to maintain than the old Allison, but add, "The pilots say this ship has no bugs, and they have gone completely overboard on it. That is good enough for us."

Weighing about 9,000 pounds, the Mustang is 32 feet three inches, long, 13 feet eight inches high and has a wing span of 37 feet. Its propeller blades are 11 feet two inches long.

Big Difference Have

### Big Difference Here

"The pilots really have a feeling for their ground crews over here," Col. Martin said. "Back home it was hard to get them to keep the windshield clean enough to see through, but over here they even shine the footnedals.

Doctor of Defense

By Pap

# Ulster Infantry Ring Squad to Compete Tonight

CAGE ROUNDUP

# Ranks of Unbeaten Fives Whittled During Week

#### Marquette Scored Upsets Of Week in Victories Over Grant, DePaul

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP)—The favorites had a good week in the college basketball circus, but Marquette's hotand-cold Hilltoppers earned the giant-killer title by a double dose of upset powder that dropped Camp Grant for the first time and gave DePaul's Demons their second loss.

Dartmouth Purdue Oklahoma North

Dartmouth, Purdue, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Texas continue to lead the conferences, with Washington and California splitting the Pacific Coast lead.

kentucky is the class of the Southeast, although Georgia Tech is unbeaten in five games and rates as a dark horse in the conference tournament, March 3-4. Independent Bowling Green has a convincing record of 13 wins in 14 starts.

#### Milligan Has 15 Straight

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The thinning ranks of the unbeaten are led by Milligan with 15 consecutive wins, including victories over Duke and North Carolina. Other perfect record teams are lowa with nine, Albright and Miami (Ohio) with eight, St. Mary's Pre-Flight, Morehead, Kentucky Teachers and Utah with seven, Georgia Tech with five and Army with four. It is possible that the Cadets, who just started their season, may outrank everyone else when the curtain falls, as they have been more impressive every time out.

Service clubs in the front ranks include

Service clubs in the front ranks include Norfolk Naval Training Station, Norman Navy, Alameda Coast Guard, Great Lakes, Iowa Seahawks, Camp Grant, Sampson Naval, Mitchel Field, Ellis Island, Ft. Devens, Camp Edwards, Cherry Point Marines and Ft. Jackson with an amazing record of 27 victories in 28 starts. in 28 starts.

The major independents include Val-paraiso, DePaul, Western Michigan, St. Joseph's, Rochester, Muhlenberg, St. John's and Gonzaga. Oklahoma Aggies have won 14 and lost two, both to Norman Navy.

#### Tie in Ivy League Unlikely

Dartmouth can do no worse than tie for its seventh straight Eastern Inter-collegiate League title. The teams play eight league games and the worst thing that could happen to Dartmouth at this point would be to lose its remaining two games and have Penn win their next three. That would leave a tie which is highly unlikely as Dartmouth's next game is against the weak Columbia five Satur-

In the Big Ten, Purdue is halfway through without a loss and six straight wins. Northwestern and Iowa have each

wins. Northwestern and Iowa have each won four, the Wildcats dropping Ohio State by two points last night.

North Carolina is far ahead in the informal Southern Conference race with five straight and Texas tops the Southwest Conference with four straight although Rice and Arkansas are not far behind

Oklahoma and Iowa State are undefeated in the Big Six, the Sooners with five victories and State with three. Washington seems a shoo-in to take the Northern half of the Pacific Coast League and California won its only start in the curtailed Southern half.

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LT. W. L. Leaby, Cpl. Gene Lynch, N.Y.; Lt. David Leblane, Watertown, Mass.; 2/Lt. George John Mathes, Mai. Anthony Miller, Battimore; Lt. Susan Ober, ANC; Sgt. Morton Fredrick Pratt, Dr. Charles J. Rohr, Amherst, Mass.; Sgt. William Stanley, Jersey City, N.J.; Put. John E. Saunders, Birmingham, Ala.; Wendell Tracey, Barre, Vt.; Pvt. Silvester Trojanowsky, Rosenberg, Texas; S/Sgt. Jackson A. Tupper, sky, Rosenberg, Texas; S/Sgt. Jackson A. Tupper, Lisbon Falls, Me.; Robert C. Wilson, Warsaw, Lisbon Falls, Meschob, Dedham, Mass.; Pvt. Louis Sands, Bronxville, N.Y.; John Austin, Lavallotte, N.J.; Lt. Margaret Anderson, Maj. Samlette, N.J.; Lt. Margaret Anderson Maj. Samlette, N.J.; Lt. Margarete, N.J.; Lt. Margarete, N.J.; Film Exchange

WILL exchange roll of PD 16 (V-616) Agfa Super-pan Supreme for roll of V616 Kodak Veri-chrome PD 16 Phenachrome (Agfa Ansco),—Cpl. Jehn Roborecki, 35021019. WILL exchange 3 rolls of 127 Kodak Verichrome for 3 rolls of 120.—S/Sgt. R. M. Lesniak, 16097007.

MUSETTE BAG: Would the captain who picked up my muserte bag when he left the train at Stoymarket Jan. 10 (coming from London) please contact me for an exchange.—Sgt. Robert B. Torpey, 11041890.

SEVEN PHOTOGRAPHS, six of which were of my wife and the other of my sixer and her husband. Lost in Derby Jan. 9.—Pfc John M. Gallagher, 35662813.

HAT taken by mistake at Balfour Club. London, Jan. 2. My aerial number and name are in the ms-band.—Cpl. Ben Goldman, ASN 12010379.

Found

OVERCOAT.—Will "Sgt. Mike," whose overcost I took instead of mine at the Palais dance hill in Edinburgh, please arrange for re-exchange?—Sgt. George Muschlet, 13154656.

Theta Delta Chi Fruternity

ANOTHER tradition-in honor of the "Old Lady" will be made at the Savoy Hotel, London, Feb. 19 at 6.30 PM.—Dinner. Reservations to be made to BM/EES, London, W.C. L.

pre-flight school.

## **Bruins Downed** By Canucks, 4-1

#### Montreal Wins First Game In Boston Since Nov., 1940

BOSTON, Jan. 24—The Montreal Canadiens scored their first victory in Boston since Nov. 26, 1940, here last night, beating the injury-riddled Bruins, 4—1, before 12,000 fans.

The Canadiens tallied twice in the second and third periods to strengthen their own League lead and drop the Bruins to fourth place.

Phil Watson, lend-lease forward from the New York Rangers, opened the scoring unassisted 34 seconds after the second frame started and Mike McMahon went in 16 minutes later on a pass from Elmer Lach.

The third period saw Ray Getliffe and Fernand Majeau bang in scores for the Canadiens while Buzz Boll notched the lone Boston point

The referee handed out penalties totaling 18 minutes in the second period, with Pat Egan, of Boston, and Leo Lammureaux," of Montreal, getting five minutes each for fighting. Boston's captain, Dit Clapper, was out 15 minutes, getting seven stitches in a chin gash.

#### Hawks Subdue Leafs, 5-3

CHICAGO, Jan. 24—With five men each scoring once, the Chicago Black Hawks defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs, 5—3, here last night before 16,000 fans.

Gus Bodnar gave Toronto a brief onegoal lead early in the first period, but Doug Bentley, Fido Purpur and Earl Siebert made it score 3—1 for Chicago by the end of the frame.

Johnny Gottselig and Billy Mosienko finished the Hawks' scoring in the second. Tom O'Neill racked up one for Toronto in the second and Lorne Carr the third.

#### Stanley Cup Playoff Tilts Scheduled to Start Mar. 21

TORONTO, Jan. 24 (Reuters)—The Stanley Cup playoffs, the highest honor in the ice hockey world, will begin on Mar. 21. The teams finishing first and third in the National League will meet in a best of seven-game series and the teams finishing second and fourth in a like series.

The final between the winners of these two series will begin on Apr. 6, also a best of seven series.

#### Hospital Quintet Leads in SBS

SBS HQ, Jan. 24-The - General SBS HQ, Jan. 24—The — General Hospital made a clean sweep of the first half of the SBS HQ area basketball league by scoring 12 victories to hold a two-game advantage over the — Truck Company which was in the runner-up spot with ten wins and two losses. The — Ordnance Bn., with six consecutive wins, gained third place with seven victories and four reverses.

#### Navy Shifts Faurot To Monmouth College

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24-The Navy has announced the transfer of Lt. Don Faurot, former Missouri football coach whose Iowa Pre-Flight team ranked second in the national standings last season, to Monmouth (III.) College where he will have charge of physical education at the

It has not been disclosed whether Faurot will return to lowa next fall. Last year his Iowa Seahawks won nine and lost one. Notre Dame scored the only defeat, 14-13.

# Wings Bury Rangers, 15-0; Worst Defeat in Loop History

DETROIT, Jan. 24-The Detroit Red Wings took third place in the circuit standings by inflicting the most humiliating defeat in National Hockey League history on the New York Rangers, 15-0, here last night.

A crowd of 12,000 home town fans raised the Olympia roof when the Red A crowd of 12,000 home town fans raised the Olympia roof when the Red Wings' attack reached its climax with eight goals in the final period. The Wings started with two scores in the opening period, one by Murray Armstrong, assisted by Bill Quackenbush. Five more were netted in the second stanza and then a final-period avalanche snowed Ranger Goalie Ken McCauley completely under.

Syd Howe, veteran Detroit wingman, led the Detroit scoring with three tallies, and Carl Liscombe, Don Grosso and

It was the Wings' sixth victory in their last seven games without a defeat and the sixth straight win over the Rangers

Tandridge Golfers Lose To Hans Crescent, 4-2

The following golfers took part in the

Victory:

Cpl. Rick Famlin, Glen Cove, N.Y.; Cpl. Joe Fiore, Harrison, N.Y.; Cpl. Stan Remsen, Long Island, N.Y.; Sgt. Eli Thomas, Pittsburgh; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; T/Sgt. Joe Ludes, Philadelphia; Sgt. Bill Spring, Omaha, Neb.; Cpl. Dick Austin, Lynn, Mass.; Sgt. Frank Carmiaci, Omaha, Neb.; Pvt. Joe Doyle, Long Island, N.Y., and Fred Parry, ARC.

Brown at Panama City

PANAMA CITY, Jan. 24 (Reuters)-Chalky Wright, former featherweight champion, scored a technical knockout over Al Brown, former world bantamweight king, at Olympic Stadium, Jamaica

Brown failed to answer the bell for the

sixth round of the ten-round contest.

Wright, who weighed in at 121, gave away

Alameda Coast Guard 66, Salimas Air Base 14
Colorado College 50, Colorado Mines 36
Denver 55, Greeley State 34
Gowen Field 60, Northwest Nazarene 38
Hammer Field 81, Hamilton Field 48
Moffett Field 42, Ft. Ord Army 32
Peterson Field 46, Camp Hale 44
Provo Steelers 59, Bushnell Army Hospital 32
Salt Lake Air Base 55, Camp Kearns 38
Sheboygan Redskins 44, Camp Grant 40
Treasure Island 45, San Francisca Presidio 38
Utah State 61, Idaho South Branch 44
Washington Navý Trainces 48, Whitman 38

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Chalky Wright TKOs

Armstrong racked up two each.

# Lightweight Class

NEW YORK, Jan. 24—Abe Green, president of the NBA, proposes to dis-regard all technicalities and recognize the winner of Friday's. Beau Jack-Sammy Angott fight as the lightweight champion.

Angott hight as the lightweight champion.
Angott is recognized by Green's body
as the titlist and Jack is recognized here.
"What's the use of kidding the fans,"
Green asks. "Both Angott and Jack consider themselves champs and why make a
farce out of this as a non-title fight on
the pretext that it's over the weight and
only ten rounds."

only ten rounds."

It is highly unlikely that the New York Commission will agree with Green, because Beau Jack owes the first crack at the title to Bob Montgomery (from whom he won it) and prefers putting the bauble on the line when summer time arrives and more customers can be accom-

#### Tobin Dead; Publicized Red Grange at Illinois

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Jan. 24—Mike Tobin, first to tout the football prowess of Red Grange, has died here at the age of 64.

Tobin was publicity director of athletics for the University of Illinois for more than 20 years and widely known in collegiate sports world. He began sounding that the property for the collegiant sports world. ing the trumpet for Grange when Red first joined the Illinois squad,

#### High Fliers Win, 72-16

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Jan. 24— The High Fliers five of this HQ-defeated the—Depot squad, 72—16, last night. Sgt. Bill Brown, of Paducah, Ky., and Cpl. John Seagrist, of Woodstock, Ill., paced the winners with 19 and 16 points

#### Hockey League Standings

W L T Pts. 22 3 5 49 Boston 13 14 4 30 16 15 2 34 Chicago 12 16 1 12 13 11 5 31 New York 6 23 1 13 Hockey Results

Buffalo 9, Providence 3 Hershey 2, Indianapolis 1

# Kozak, Molina, Williams Stars Of Opposition

#### Gugliardo Also Featured On Ten-Bout Team Match at Rainbow

#### By Mark E. Senigo Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

A team of crack leather swingers from Ulster move into the Rainbow Corner tonight to give the fans their first glimpse of Northern Ireland punch specialists since last year's ETO tourney.

Representing an Infantry regiment, the Emerald Isle boys will meet a combined Air Force-MP outfit in a team match of ten bouts which promises to give the Corner followers one of the best shows to date.

Bolstering the Air Force-MP aggrega-tion will be two ETO champions, one Eighth Air Force titlist and two Eighth Service Command ring kings.

Cpl. Primitivo Molina, class of the bantamweights in the theater, will be making his second start in two weeks tonight when he tackles Pvt. Robert Spencer, from Buffalo, N.Y. Molina, a Mexican from Concord, Cal., last week showed that he has lost none of his hitting power since he annexed the ETO crown, slamming out a three-round decision over slamming out a three-round decision over Pvt. Pete Negrete.

Second of the ETO titlists appearing tonight is Pvt. Vince Kozak, 190-pounder



from Hazleton, Pa. Kozak has had two contests at the Corner this season Corner this season and in neither showed the power which gave him his title. His last time out, on Dec. 14, he dropped a slow affair to Cpl. Hal Raskin, Eighth Air Force heavyweight champ. The Infantry is putting Col. is putting Cpl. Robert Fertig up

a g ai n s t Kozak, Fertig, Kent, Ohio, battler, will have ten pounds on Kozak and the added advantage of four warmups in the last month in Ireland. Of that quartet, the Ohioan has copped three and dropped one.

#### Strong in Welter Bracket

The combination squad is strongest in the welterweight bracket where they have two boys from New Orleans to count on—Pvt. Nick Gugliardo, 142, and Pfc Herbie Williams, 138. Gugliardo is a kayo specialist, six of his last ten bouts having feitled to another distance. having failed to go the distance. Pitted against him is Pvt. Homere Molina, Upholding its reputation as one of ETO's top golf teams, the ARC Hans Crescent Club squad defeated the Tandridge Golf Club, 4—2, Sunday afternoon over the Tandridge course.

Laredo, Texas, 143. Molina (no relation to Primitivo) has won two bouts in as many trips in Ireland.

Williams the Eighth Service Command light-Williams holds weight crown, weight crown, but has been fighting as a welter recently. Along with Pvt. Dick Shinn, Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf and Pvt. Dick Menchaca, Williams is one of the classiest in his weight to fight the Corpor. In two screen there in



at the Corner. In two scraps there in December, he racked up TKOs in the first and second rounds. Matched with him is Pfc Jesse Chavez, 143-pounder from Los Angeles.

strongest in the middleweight and light heavy events, their entries in both classes having held division titles. Pvt. Nathan "Chiet" Harjo, 155-pound Indian from Okmulgee, Okla., has walked off with the division crown for the last three years, while Sgt. Marian "Pete" Corley, of Onley, Texas, 168, is four-time division titlist as well as 1941 Texas Golden Glove king in the 165-pound bracket. Harjo is bracketed with Pvt. Frankie Drezowicz, of Trenton, N.J., 156, while Corley fights Pvt. Sam Hendley, Detroit 168-pounder. Here is the lineup for the other bouts: strongest in the middleweight and light

Pvt. Sam Hendley, Detroit 168-pounder,
Here is the lineup for the other bouts:
Pfc Ray Wyzykiewicz, Buffalo, 126, vs. Pvt.
Frank Florez, Carpus Christi, Texas, 127,
Pvt. William Wright, Youngstown, Ohio, 152,
vs. Sgt. Gordon Buckingham, San Antonio, Texas,
148,
Pvt. Jerome Cawley, Baltimore, 155, vs. Pvt. Ed
Synowicz, Milwaukee, Wis., 156,
Sgt. Johnnie Ruth, Philadelphia, 152, vs. Pvt.
Rudy Barrera, San Antonio, Texas,

By Al Capp

#### L'il Abner



#### FLASH !! - A MEETING OF THAT GORGEOUS HUNK O'MAN' FAN CLIB OF BROOKLYN .. GIRLS! - WE'LL BEGIN OUR MEETING IN THE USUAL WAY OKEYDOKE ON THE BY TAKING AN OATH OF UNDYING LOYALTY, UN-UNDYING LOVALTY UNWAVERING WORSHIP AND ETERNAL LOVE TO OUR IDEAL, THE GREATEST OF ALL MOVIE STARS—THAT GORGEOUS HUNK O' MAN" RADIO WHILE YOU READ THE MINUTES,



# I'LL RIP THAT GORGEOUS HUNK O' MAN'S PICTURE OUT OF THIS FRAME !!- MAYBE WE CAN GET A PICTURE OF FREDDIE McGURGLE THE SAME SIZE!! LET'S ALL LET'S ALL SENDS ME TO SWEAR LINDYING LOYALTY AND ETERNAL LOVE TO FREDDIE Mc GURGLE

### Aussies Seize Important Hill In New Guinea

#### Americans Are Reported Set for Push to Outflank Retreating Jap Units

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Jan. 24— Australian troops driving across north-eastern New Guinea toward the Japanese bases of Madang and Bogadjim have driven the enemy from prepared posi-tions at the head of the Faria River in the Ramu Valley to gain a feetbell on the Ramu Valley to gain a foothold on Kankiryo Saddle, hill position guarding the river road, today's communique announced.

Meanwhile, American forces at Saidor, Weanwhile, American forces at Salor, 56 miles along the coast from Madang, were reported preparing an offensive to outflank the Japanese retreating before the Australian advance.

Reports from the front tonight said

that the Australians had overrun the Jap lines at the head of the Faria River and were swarming up Kankiryo Saddle. With the saddle completely in their possession, the Australians would be able to drive along the coast northward to Madang and

On Bougainville Island, last big Jap base in the Solomons, fierce skirmishes raged today as American troops encountered Jap patrols at the Tokorina River. After fighting their way to the river from Augusta Bay, the Americans were said to be massing for a new offensive to the poorth.

north.

Continuing the air war against Japanese bases in the southwest Pacific Allied heavy bombers dropped 95 tons of bombs on Borpop airfield in southern New Ireland, while medium bombers hit Kara airfield in the Buin-Fasie area of the Solomous, today's communique announced.

announced.

Five Jap barges were destroyed off the coast of New Britain by air formations and light naval units, while an airfield control tower and buildings were attacked at Cape Hoskins, New Britain, and medium bombers dropped 23 tons of bombs in the Gasmata area.

#### Giant Mars Joins Navy With a Flight to Hawaii

PACIFIC FLEET HQ, Hawaii, Jan. 24 The 75-ton Mars, the world's largest flying boat, entered naval service yester-day by completing her inaugural flight from San Francisco to Hawaii in 15 hours

The Mars made the trip with a record cargo, including 13,110 pounds of mail and war materials of the highest priority. The boat carried 20 passengers, in addition for agree of 10

tion to a crew of 15.

Twenty more flying boats of the Mars type, powered by four 2,200-horse-power engines, are under construction.

#### Doll House Proprietor Arrested by the FBI

NEW YORK, Jan. 24-Charged with hiding code messages in sales letters sent to South America, Velvalee Dickinson, 50, proprietor of a doll shop largely patronized by Hollywood film players, has been arrested, the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced.

The bureau said she formerly had many Japanese connections and handled brokerage accounts for a Japanese-American society in California.

## AFN to Present Fight Broadcast

Two outstanding sports broadcasts will be on the AFN tonight.

At 7.30 PM Sgt. Marty Smith, AFN fight announcer, will greet sports fans from the ARC Rainbow Corner in London for the 16th consecutive week with his blow-by-blow account of GI boxing bouts. Cpl. Ford Kennedy will handle ringside color.

AFN listeners will hear an interview with Maj. Bobby Jones, pro golfer, at 8.25 PM. Maj. Jones, now stationed in the ETO, is a fighter squadron intelligence

Beginning today, because of limited space, The Stars and Stripes will omit the current day's program and will publish only the following day's, so readers are advised to save the program for reference

On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218 lm. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.jm. 207.jm. Wednesday, Jan. 26

1100—GI five.

1115—Hymns from Home.
1130—South American Way.
1230—Geraldo and his Ordenstra (BBC).
1230—Music We Love.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Barracks Bag—A grab-bag of entertainment.
1400—Visiting Hour.
1410—Sun off until 1748 hours.

1745—Spotlight on Jan Garber and Program Resume.
1800—World News (BBC), 1818—GI Supper Clob.
1850—What Do You Know, Joe?
1909—Seven O'Clock Sports, 1905—Carnival of Music, 1930—Kate Smith Program, 2000—News from the U.S.A.

from the U.S.A.

2010—Fred Waring Program.

2025—Human Interest in Books, Cpl. Richard

McLaoghlin.

2030—Kay Kyser's Kollege of Musical Knowledge.

2100—World News (BBC).

2110—Novatime—with Ted Steele.

2125—Marching On (BBC).

2125—Eigher McGee and Molly.

2225 Final Edition. 2230 Sign off until 1100 hours Thursday, Jan. 27

U.S. Officer Serving with Tito Partisans News From Home



New York Times Photo

An American captain, whose face has been blanked out by censors, is shown with a group of Yugoslav partisans with whom he has been fighting German occupation troops.

## Child-Aid Unit Slav Partisans IsTermedCruel

NEW YORK, Jan. 24—New York's Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children has been accused of having "wrought incalculable harm," punishing and assaulting thousands of children

and assaulting thousands of children entrusted to its care, in a report issued today by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia.

According to the statement, the rules of one of the society homes have not been changed for 70 years. Unruly youngsters were said to have been placed in solitary confinement for as many as two days on a bread-and-milk diet. Rubber sheets on the beds were left on

Rubber sheets on the beds were left on so long without being changed, it was said, they finally had to be destroyed.

Society officials were charged with ignorance and with having failed to maintain the ordinary standards of humanity in their establishments. The report alleged that the society had failed to discharge its obligations in every respect and recommended sweeping changes.

#### Wounded Airman to Run For Congress in Colorado

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 24—A much-ecorated Army bomber pilot, Maj. Carl. Wuertele, has been named Democratic candidate for Congress in a special elec-tion to be held in Colorado's First Dis-trict March 7.

The 30-year-old airman will oppose Dean M. Gillespie, 59, for the seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Lawrence Lewis. Maj. Wuertele has been decorated nine times. He was wounded in a raid on Rabaul and expects to receive a medical discharge soon.

#### Starving on \$11,000

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 24—Ninety-year-old Isia Burrey, suffering from mal-nutrition, was rushed to a hospital here. Attendants found \$11,000 sewed in his underwear. Authorities said Burrey had been living on crusts of bread, cheese

# 'Peace Now' -

(Continued from page 1)

from correspondence there several thousand persons interested in the movement.

"Some senators and some representa-

"Some senators and some representatives we know are with us, but they are
waiting to see how big we get before they
take any action themselves."

Miss Simon said the movement started
about "July 10 or 11" and "thus far has
been mainly a postal campaign all over
the country, and advertisements, trying to
get people interested." get people interested."

#### A Correction

Although correctly described as chief of staff, ETO, in a story appearing in yesterday's Stars and Stripes, Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith inadvertently was referred to later in the same story as deputy chief of staff. Gen. Smith also is chief of staff, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces.

Terry and the Pirates

# Sever Rail Line

By the United Press

With the capture of the town of Gracanica, Marshal Tito's partisans havecut the vital Doboj-Tuzla railroad line along which the Germans have been trying to rush reinforcements to their besieged garrison at Tuzla, in eastern Bosnia, partisan headquarters announced last night.

From captured Gracanica, strong partisan units last night were reported moving toward Tuzla itself to reinforce other Jugoslav forces locked in bitter hand-to-hand fighting in the streets of

Farther south, in the Otacac-Senj sector, where the Germans are making a bid to break through to the town of Senj, which lies in the coastal region of Croatia, fierce battles were reported.

Dispatches from the front indicated that the partisans were holding the Ger-mans and inflicting heavy losses on the

Marshal Tito, pressing his large-scale new counter-offensive, appeared for the moment to have stopped the German drive in practically every sector.

Gracanica fell after a bloody struggle when strong partisan forces swept down from their strongholds in the Majevica Mountains and stormed the town.

# U.S. Launches New Carrier; Greatest Battleship Nearly Set

#### 80-Plane Hancock Slides Down Ways; Other Huge Craft Are Abuilding

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24—The Navy's new aircraft carrier, the USS Hancock, was launched today at the same Quincy (Mass.) yard from which the Lexington and Wash sailed forth to be being to and Wasp sailed forth to battle.

and Wasp sailed forth to battle.

Of the Essex class, which is equipped to carry 80 aircraft, the Hancock displaces more than 25,000 tons: Although other details of armament and defensive power are secret, Rear Adm. DeWitt Ramsey, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics, declared that the Hancock benefited from all the lessons the Navy has learned in combat. Adm. Ramsey predicted that the vessel would play an important role in the mounting Pacific offensive.

Next Saturday at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri, described as the world's most formidable craft, will be launched nine months ahead of schedule.

of schedule.
Constructed at an estimated cost of \$100,000,000, the Missouri, according to Navy sources, has an over-all length of 880 feet. Her deck and platform is said to have an area of 418,000 feet. With 900 electric engines, the Missouri is expected to be faster than any other craft of her size.

According to Jane's Fighting Ships, the Iowa class, of which the Missouri is the fourth vessel to be completed, has nine 16-inch guns, 20 five-inch guns, 16 1.1-inch guns, 50 machine-guns and four aircraft.

aircraft.

In addition to the Missouri, the battle-ships lowa, Wisconsin and New Jersey have been completed. Plans call for the construction of two more vessels of the lowa class—the Illinois and the Kentucky.

Tomorrow at the Bethlehem Steel Corp. shipyard the 2,200-ton USS Taussig, described as more powerful than ten World War I cruisers will be launched. A superdestroyer, the vessel has been named in honor of the late Adm. Edward David Taussig.

Things Are Looking Up

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 24 (UP)— The United States is becoming a nation of giants, according to a new book, "Tall Men Have Their Problems, Too," just written by Francis Behn Riggs, of Harvard University. Estimating that there now were 8,000 to 12,000 men in the country six feet free inches tall or more country six feet five inches tall or more, Riggs predicted that in a generation the number of such giants probably would have trebled.

#### College Probe Is Planned

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 24—Donald W. Van Fleet, president of the Iowa

#### Got the 'Message to Garcia' Through

# A Pint-Sized Package of Valor Modestly Keeps Under Wraps

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Remember when an officer's orderly and runner was a "dog robber"? There probably are a lot of Joes still wincing under the sting of that Army jibe but they have a talisman in pint-sized Walter Neely, buck private and 26-year-old exgrocery clerk from Middletown, Ohio.

Neely, whose outward appearance of timidity belies his true character, was a "dog robber"—an officer's runner. He wears the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart to show he is a good one and that you don't have to be a professional soldier with a flair for "blood and guts" heroics to serve "above and beyond the call of duty."

In the thorning and that he had to travel blindly through an anti-personnel mine field to reach his destination.

Only the day before, his company commander was killed when a mine exploded in that same area. Realizing he couldn't make much progress by crawling through the mined sector and still deliver the message quickly, Neely disregarded the possibility of being picked off and set out as swiftly as possible.

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It was at Maknassy, where American forces furiously fought some of Rommel's best in Africa, that Neely earned the second highest U.S. decoration for valor and his wound medal.

#### Sent Back to Rear

"Our rifle platoon was dug in with machine-gun support quite a distance behind us," Neely said. "Our lieutenant wanted the machine-gun fire to cease and sent me back with a verbal message to the heavy weapons' company. On the way I was hit by enemy machine-gun fire but managed to deliver the message and get back to my own outfit." get back to my own ourfit."

What Neely didn't say, however, was that the action took place at 2 o'clock

Shy and soft-spoken, reluctant to consider his act more than a soldier's duty, Neely said: "It wasn't anything, really it wasn't."

in the morning and that he had to travel blindly through an anti-personnel mine

#### Drags Self Rest of Way

Neely, however, got up and dragged himself the rest of the way, delivered the message without reporting his injury and proceeded to make his way back over the same route to complete his mission and inform the officer the order was receipted.

Not until he was seen trying to take care of his wound was Neely's outfit aware he had been hit. At first he refused first aid, saying the wound was slight. Actually, it was slight enough to keep him hospitalized for the commitment. him hospitalized for the remainder of the

#### 21-Million-Man Army After War Prophesied

NEW YORK, Jan. 24-A post-war army of 2,500,000 men will be maintained by compulsory military training, the New York Herald Tribune said yesterday.

Predicting that every able-bodied American between 18 and 21 would be called for a year of service, the Tribune said that President Roosevelt and military and Congressional leaders were agreed that the nation could not afford to lapse into unpreparedness again.

Farmers' Union, disclosed that the American Association of University Pro-fessors and the American Civil Liberties Union planned to investigate charges that academic freedom was being suppressed at Iowa State College. Publication of a college booklet in which oleomargarine was compared favorably with butter touched off the controversy. The pamphlet was withdrawn when dairy interests protested.

#### The General Was Pleased

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Jan. 24-When Mrs. John Kuk sent a box of cookies to her son, Sgt. John Kuk Jr., she decided to send a box to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower too. She received a note of appreciation from the General, saying: "It was a most generous and thoughtful act."

#### **Hunt Woman in Murder**

CHICAGO, Jan. 24—Police are seeking an elderly, well-dressed woman in connection with the murder of Mrs. Frank Star Williams, 55-year-old wife of an American diplomat. Mrs. Williams was shot in the head in her suite in the Drake Hotel. Before she died she gave police a description of her assailant. assailant.

Bond Sales a Billion
CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 24—Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. told a War Bond rally here that bond sales to individuals in the first two days of the current drive totaled \$1,048,000,000. Private citizens are being asked to pledge \$5,500,000,000 of the \$14,000,000,000 goal.

#### GOP Candidate Named

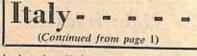
GENESEO, N.Y., Jan. 24—Former District Attorney Austin W. Edwin, of Geneseo, has been selected by Republicans to oppose Hubert D. Bliss, of Wellsville, in a special election Feb. 15 to fill the State Senate seat vacated by Joe R. Hanley, who resigned to become lieutenant governor.

#### Stars at Birthday Ball

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24—Among the entertainers scheduled to appear at President Roosevelt's Birthday Ball here Friday and Saturday are Lucille Ball, Brian Donlevy, Jinx Falkenburg, John Garfield, Maria Montez, Walter Pidgeon, Red Skelton and Jose Iturbi.

#### Strain Hikes Death Rate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP)-The strain of war conditions is increasing the death rate of persons more than 50 years old, according to a Census Bureau report.



harbor installations were taken intact. However, the unloading capacity of the port is small. Nettuno was a favored summer resort and bathing beach for Italians:

The Luftwaffe's greatest effort against Allied landing operations at Nettuno—a formation of from 50 to 60 planes which set out to bomb—was broken up Sunday afternoon by American-flown Spitfires of the coastal air forces, which shot down six of the enemy planes.

The Spitfires, which were themselves on a bombing mission, intercepted the Germans near the island of Elba, and a running battle ensued.

The "air armada" proved easy prey for the Spitfires, which, in addition to sending three Junkers and three Heinkels crashing into the sea, damaged another Heinkel, which was listed as a probable.

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