

# BRITISH SHATTER ITALIAN DIVISION

Destroy Half of Ariete Unit's Remaining Tanks in Fierce Desert Fighting; Libya War Rages on in Three Major Fronts.

CAIRO, Dec. 1 (U. P.)—Approximately half the remaining tanks of the Italian Ariete division were destroyed east of Sidi Rezegh, in Libya, in fighting yesterday, a high command communiqué said today.

The Ariete division had previously suffered heavy losses in supporting the German 15th and 21st Divisions in a three-pronged attack which resulted in their brief recapture of Ed Duda, immediately north of Sidi Rezegh.

It was admitted that German infantry, with tank support, had penetrated British imperial defenses in the Sidi Rezegh region again yesterday afternoon.

## Axle Tanks Hurled Back

In London authoritative British military quarters said that German infantry and tanks which had penetrated the British positions around Sidi Rezegh had been thrown out by a British counter-attack and that "our position there was established once again." The spokesman said news of the successful British counter-attack had been received after the headquarters communiqué had been issued in Cairo.

"Bitter fighting continues in this area," the communiqué said.

"The battle of Cyrenaica (Eastern Libya) has now definitely resolved itself into three main areas," the communiqué said.

"The main front southeast of Tobruk, where our forces advancing from the east joined up with British forces which had made a successful sally from the fortress.

"The frontier area stretching from Halfaya to positions north of Sidi Omar.

**Nazis Fight Fiercely**

"3. The southwest or Galore area.

"On the main front of Ed Duda-Sidi Rezegh-Bir El Hamid intense fighting continued throughout yesterday.

The Germans were fighting desperately in an attempt to escape the British tank and motorized forces in the Rezegh-Tobruk area, and the spokesman admitted that some of them might break through.

"But I think they will be very few," he commented.

So far the isolated German and Italian tank units had failed to break the cordon at any point, he asserted.

Artillery and anti-tank gun units were co-operating with infantry in holding back all sorties until tank units could race up to break them, informants said.

**Reach Gulf of Sidra**

A communiqué announced yesterday that British armored forces had reached the Gulf of Sidra at a point half way between Benghazi and Jedda and had intercepted and destroyed Axis mechanical transport in a serious threat to German and Italian communications and supply lines.

The point which the imperial forces reached was not far short of El Aghela, which marked the westernmost point of the British advance in the great offensive of a year ago.

A communiqué announced also the capture of Gen. Von Ravenstein, commanding one of the two German tank divisions—the 15th and 21st—in Libya. Captured along with 10 other officers and 500 men of his 21st division, Gen. Von Ravenstein was taken to Tobruk, where British imperial troops had been besieged for months before the British offensive.

was turned in.

## BERLIN ADMITS ROSTOV LOSSES

**Heavy Russian Superiority in Numbers Blamed For Withdrawal.**

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—A new German rally to within the sight of the center of Moscow was reported by a military spokesman here today. However, a spokesman admitted withdrawal of German forces from Rostov, key city in the Nazi drive into the Caucasus, in face of heavy Russian superiority in numbers.

On the Moscow front, the spokesman said, another great battle is raging with the Nazis slowly narrowing an iron semicircle around the Russian capital. The Russians are being slowly driven back there as the Germans achieve "very considerable advances," the spokesman added.

The Germans evidently had not expected the southern Russian army to be able to concentrate forces on such a large scale for a counterblow, some informed quarters said.

London, Dec. 1 (U. P.)—Russian troops led by Cossacks and strongly supported by air forces are driving the Germans westward in a new counter-offensive in the Tula area, 100 miles south of Moscow, while shock troops hotly pursue fleeing German forces west of Rostov, Russian dispatches asserted today.

Massed Cossack cavalry attacked the Germans north of Tula at dawn Saturday, dispatches said, and at the same time a strong Russian force under General Sivatz swept down on the German flank north of Tula.

The effect of the flank attack was so demoralizing, it was asserted, the Germans retreated in disorder with the Russians pressing them closely.

In a previous attack in the Stalingrad sector of the Tula front, the Russians had recaptured 14 villages, dispatches said.

**WILLKIE CONSIDERS COLUMBIA CLUB BID**

The directors of the Columbia Club have invited Wendell Willkie to be the guest speaker at their 83rd Annual Beefsteak Dinner in February.

Willkie is considering the invitation, and pending his decision, an exact date for the dinner will not be set.

**ALARMS PROVE FALSE**

Within six minutes, two false fire alarms were turned in yesterday morning in the same vicinity. At 1:12 a. m., firemen answered a false alarm at St. Clair St. and Senate Ave. and at 1:15 a. m., the alarm at 10th St. and Capitol Ave.

was turned in.

## Costumes Brighten Sonja's New Show



This is the "Dresden Doll" number from the "Hollywood Ice Revue of 1942," Sonja Henie's newest ice daze which opens Friday at the Coliseum for a week. These are some of the costumes which are said to have cost Miss Henie a mere \$72,000, or \$7000 more than even Ziegfeld spent in his most lavish days. Featured artists, comedians and chorus members in the show total more than 100.

## British Take War 'Stations' To Block Threat by Japs

MANILA, Dec. 1 (U. P.)—Unprecedented precautions against a new Japanese thrust in the South Seas were taken today as Great Britain put strategic areas on a war basis from Hongkong to Singapore and Australia.

American emergency steps were reported to have been taken following a secret meeting of Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, and Lieut. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief of the U. S. Army in the Far East, and their staffs.

Official sources, however, declined to comment.

**Moves Come Fast**

Following reports of Japanese naval operations within striking distance of British-Dutch Borneo and British hints that developments might be possible within a week, the military and naval commands of British Empire forces in the Far East disclosed measures designed to meet any war danger in the far eastern area.

(Some of Great Britain's biggest warships were reported in the Pacific area, probably including the 35,000-ton Prince of Wales which passed through Capetown harbor some time ago, presumably en route east. First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander said that naval reinforcements had been sent to the far east, according to London dispatches this week-end.)

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3. Arrival at Olongapo naval base, west of Manila, of 360 U. S. marines evacuated from Shanghai. Others were believed to be near the southern Japanese-occupied islands, not far from Borneo.

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## OFFER TO CONTROL JURY IS CHARGED

The arrest of two men alleged to have attempted to obtain money on the promise they could control the Marion County Grand Jury was announced today by Prosecutor Sherwood Blue.

He asked that the anniversary be commemorated in the public schools and by citizens generally throughout the state in appropriate and patriotic observances.

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The Prosecutor said Duncan has signed a statement purportedly admitting the accusation, but that Meloy denies any part in it.

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While pretending to be seeking the money, the victims contacted Mr. Blue who said he arranged for Duncan to be paid \$50, after which he was arrested by City detectives. Meloy was arrested at the same time.

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## SEN. ADAMS OF COLORADO DEAD

Overwork Blamed for Heart Attack, Fatal to Money Expert.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (U. P.)—Senator Alva B. Adams (D. Colo.) died early today of a heart attack after an illness of less than a week. He was 66 years old.

Colorado's senior Senator was stricken Tuesday. His doctors then said the ailment had been aggravated by overwork.

Mr. Adams' widow and two of his four children—Mrs. Joe Uhl, a daughter, and Alva B. Adams Jr., a son—were with him.

Came to Senate in 1923

He first came to the Senate in 1923 to fill the unexpired term of the late Samuel D. Nicholson, but was defeated in 1924 when he ran for a full term. He ran again in 1932 and was elected and then was re-elected in 1938.

As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Deficiencies, he has been carrying a heavy load with the huge money bills for the defense program.

Mr. Adams grew up in politics. His father, Alva Sr., was three times Governor of Colorado and his uncle, William H. (Uncle Bill) Adams, served three terms as Governor immediately preceding the term of Edwin C. Johnson who has been Mr. Adams' colleague in the Senate since 1932.

Friendly Pioneer in West

The Adams family pioneered in Colorado and have been continuously involved in Colorado politics since 1876. Mr. Adams was an ardent supporter of President Roosevelt in the Senate, he did not always agree with the new Administration. He often opposed the New Deal's fiscal policies and advocated economy.

He fought Mr. Roosevelt's Supreme Court reorganization plan in 1937 and was opposed in the 1938 elections by Supreme Court Judge Benjamin C. Hilliard of Colorado, who called him an anti-New Dealer.

## COUNTY G. O. P. TO STUDY GAINS

### Advisory Group to Review Local Meetings at Dinner Thursday.

A review of the pre-election progress of meetings sponsored by the Marion County Republican Central Committee will be made at a dinner and meeting of the committee's advisory groups at the Hotel Washington Thursday.

Several of the 40 groups of Republican voters in the County already have conducted ward and precinct meetings.

According to County Chairman James L. Bradford attendance at the meetings has been large, indicating a desire of the party rank and file for continued action during the pre-election period.

Members of the women's committee are Mrs. T. J. Taflinger, Mrs. Spencer Raymond, Mrs. Elmer Atkinson, Mrs. Wolf Susan, Mrs. William Higgins, Mrs. William Bailey, Mrs. Louise Brink Fletcher, Mrs. Nellie Downey, State Representative; Mrs. Elizabeth Arkren, Mrs. Sarah Wager, Mrs.abel Morris, Mrs. Lillian Milner, Mrs. Pearl Hughes and Mrs. T. B. Wright, county vice chairman.

The men's committee includes Irving W. Lemaux, George R. Geoffrey, Ralph Hamill, Leo Karpinsky, Shirley Murphy, Charles W. Keeler, William L. Geesey, Francis E. Bremner, Robert M. Bove, Dr. Summer Furniss, Bert S. Gadd, Frank E. Livengood, Harry E. Yockey and State Representative Emaley W. Johnson Jr.

**Jap Warships Move**

11. Thailand newspapers said that forces "under alien (Japanese) officers in Indo-China already have fixed their bayonets."

12. At Batavia, the Netherlands East Indies Army Air Force was ordered mobilized. All reserves were called up.

Although dispatches from Tokyo indicated that Japan was seeking British sources persistently suggested that important developments must be considered possible within a few days.

Great interest centered on reports that Japanese warships, including 16 heavy cruisers and some aircraft carriers, were believed to be near the southern Japanese-occupied islands, not far from Borneo.

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**SCHRICKER ATTENDS GOVERNORS' PARLEY**

Governor Schricker and Clarence A. Jackson, state civil defense director, were in Chicago today attending a meeting of governors of central states called by Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia of New York and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to discuss women's activities.

Governors scheduled to the meeting in addition to Mr. Schricker were Harold Stassen of Minnesota, Payne Ratner of Kansas, Dwight Griswold of Nebraska, Julius Hell of Wisconsin, Dwight Green of Illinois, Murray Van Wagoner of Michigan, John Moses of North Dakota, Harlin Bushfield of South Dakota, Keen Johnson of Kentucky, George A. Wilson of Iowa and Mathew N. Neely of West Virginia.

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