

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 communique 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.

Axis Tanks Hurdled 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 then was established once again." The spokesman said news of the successful British counter-attack had been received after the headquarters communique had been issued in Cairo.)

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

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

"1. 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.

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

"3. The southwestern or Gato area.

"On the main front of Ed Duda-Sidi Rezegh-Bir El Hamid Imperial 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 communique announced yesterday that British advanced armored forces had reached the Gulf of Sidra at a point half way between Benghazi and Jedabaja, 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 Agheila, which marked the westernmost point of the British advance in the great offensive of a year ago.

A communique 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. Ravenstein was taken to Tobruk, where British imperial troops had been besieged for months before the British offensive.

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 airplanes 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 Silyazov swept down on the German flank northwest 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 83d annual Steaks Dinner in February.

Mr. 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 1:18 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 dazzer 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 Comes Fast Following reports of Japanese naval operations within striking distance of British-Dutch Borneo and British hints that developments were possible within a week, the military and naval commands of the 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.)

A. V. Alexander said that naval reinforcements had been sent to the Far East, according to London dispatches this week-end.

Developments included: 1. Declaration of a state of emergency and calling of volunteers and local defense units for instant action in the Singapore and Malay areas.

2. Dispatch of reinforcements to Burma, facing any Japanese threat to Thailand and adjacent to Japanese-occupied Indo-China.

Australia 'War Station' 3. Arrival at Olongapo naval base, west of Manila, of 360 U. S. Marines evacuated from Shanghai. Others are believed due tomorrow.

4. Announcement that Australia is "now a war station" following an emergency war cabinet meeting at Canberra, where Premier John Curtin said that "everything possible" had been done to guard against aggression and that war or peace was up to Japan.

British dispatches reported that troops at Hongkong had taken up war positions.

British and Dutch ships were ordered away from the Shanghai zone to avoid the possibility of seizure by Japan.

China May Declare War 7. American airmen, who resigned from the United States Army and Navy, were reported ready for action in a volunteer corps to guard the Burma Road supply route, against which Japan has renewed bombing attacks.

8. Americans again were officially urged to leave Japanese-held Chinese territory. About 3500 Americans still are in this area.

9. China officially will declare war on Japan and take the initiative if the United States becomes involved in war with Japan, according to a spokesman at Chungking.

(There has never been an official declaration of war in the long struggle between China and Japan.)

Jap Warships Move 11. Thailand newspapers said that forces "from alien (Japanese) offices 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.

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

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 Duncan.

John H. Duncan, 50, of the 1200 block N. New Jersey St., and Eugene Meloy, about 40, are being held under \$2500 bond each on charges of conspiracy to commit a felony by obtaining money under false pretense.

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

According to the story related by the prosecutor, Duncan contacted a man and his son facing possible prosecution and told them he could control the grand jury, and that for \$500 he would prevent them from being indicted.

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.

Car Over Seven Times, Two Safe

TWO COLUMBUS, IND., youths can tell you how it feels to turn over seven times in a careening automobile, but they can't tell you why they weren't seriously injured.

William Huckleberry, 19, and William Coombs, 18, were driving on Road 31, north of Southport yesterday, when the car slipped off the pavement edge. It rolled down the dirt center of the highway, turned over seven times, and was demolished.

Mr. Huckleberry, the driver, was treated for cuts at the City Hospital, and released. Mr. Coombs was uninjured.

LOCAL MAN NAMED AIR SQUADRON CHIEF

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 1 (U. P.).—Army officials today announced the promotion of Paul A. Zartman, Indianapolis, to commander of the 118th Observation Squadron with the rank of major.

Maj. Zartman, a veteran flier who holds a number of Indiana speed and flying records, succeeds Maj. Cecil F. Reynolds who recently became commander of the 99th Bombardment Squadron.

The Indianapolis man has been a member of the 118th Observation Squadron for more than 15 years.

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 has 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 Billy) Adams, served three terms as Governor immediately preceding the term of Edwin O. Johnson who has been Mr. Adams' colleague in the Senate since 1936.

Family Pioneered 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 Justice Benjamin C. Hilliard of Colorado, who called him an anti-New Dealer.

COMMITTEE NAMED FOR EARLHAM DRIVE

The local executive committee of Earlham College's national alumni drive for funds to build a new women's residence was appointed today at a luncheon conference in the Columbia Club.

E. Clifford Barrett, Indianapolis campaign chairman, appointed Elmer Stout to head the special gifts division, with Orville A. Wilkinson as co-chairman. Harry W. Hobbs and Carlenton B. Edwards will be co-chairmen of team organization, and publicity will be in charge of Leonard E. Pierson.

John J. Haramy and the Rev. Errol Elliott are co-chairmen in charge of the speakers' bureau; Mrs. James M. Pearson and Mrs. Robert L. Glass are in charge of arrangements, and Frederick Hadley will head the auditing committee. Isaac E. Woodward, national alumni chairman, also is a member.

Mr. Barrett said that the local campaign will be conducted in January among alumni and members of the Quaker denomination, with which the college is affiliated.

Former President Herbert Hoover is honorary national chairman for the drive which has a goal of \$225,000.

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 Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt to discuss defense activities.

Mayor La Guardia and Mrs. Roosevelt are directors of the Office of Civilian Defense. Mr. La Guardia was to lead the discussion and Mrs. Roosevelt was to discuss women's activities.

Governors scheduled to the meeting in addition to Mr. Schricker were Harold Stassen of Minnesota, Payne Rathner of Kansas, Dwight Gooden of Nebraska, Julius Held of Wisconsin, Dwight Green of Illinois, Murray Van Wagener of Michigan, John Bricker of Ohio, John Moses of North Dakota, Harlin Bushfield of South Dakota, Keen Johnson of Kentucky, George A. Wilson of Iowa and Matthew N. Neeley of West Virginia.

CLEMENCY REFUSED TO SIX KLANSMEN

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 1 (U. P.).—Gov. Eugene Talmage today refused to grant executive clemency to six members of the Ku Klux Klan, convicted of hogging a union mill workers in 1938.

Clemency for the six had been sought at a hearing at which a Jewish attorney, Isaac Wechsler, was sharply criticized by a Methodist minister for saying "If I were a cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan I would be proud of it."

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War Moves Today

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE United Press War Analyst

The course of the war in the last few days raises the interesting possibility that Adolf Hitler may have over-extended himself. His forces are engaged in major battling on three separate fronts, and for the moment, at least, are making no progress.

The Germans have suffered a definite setback in the Rostov region. Hitler had his foot in the doorway to the Caucasus and has had to withdraw it. For the first time in their sweeping conquests in Europe, the German armies have been forced to withdraw from an evacuated city.

Around Moscow, the Germans appear to have been fought momentarily to a standstill. In Libya, too, the Germans and their Italian allies appear hard pressed.

The general war picture changed suddenly within a week. Only a few days ago, the outlook for the Russians was gloomy after the Germans had stormed into Rostov and the Russians admitted Moscow was in dire peril.

To renew their southern drive with success, the Germans are going to need sizeable reinforcements. They could scarcely come from the north unless the drive on Moscow is to be abandoned. Hence it becomes an urgent matter for Hitler to take the capital so he can divert strength to the south.

Otherwise, reinforcements for Russia would entail drawing further on Germany's reserves in Europe, and they already have been subjected to great strain.

There is an urgent call in Africa for more German troops, planes and tanks. The slowdown in Russia may partly have been caused by the withdrawal of planes for duty in Libya.

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