

## RUSS MAKING FIERCE STAND

Terrific Toll Taken, but Nazis Keep Gaining in Caucasus.

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Trapped in Forest Fire.

The Russians reported they destroyed a number of German tank divisions, including the 22d, on the Kletskaya front, and pushed back the enemy several miles by combined Soviet tank and airplane attacks that put the 113th German infantry division to flight.

This operation, following repulse of Nazi tank wedge south of Kletskaya, appeared to relieve the greatest threat to Stalingrad, at least for the moment, Moscow dispatches said.

Farther south, on the Tsimlyanskaya sector, where the Germans broke across the Don river in the southern arm of their pincers against Stalingrad, the Soviet army artillery set fire to a forest in which enemy tanks, infantry and automatic riflemen were concentrated, the Russians claimed. Repeated enemy attempts to break out were shattered, it was said.

Break-Through Admitted.

On the front south of Bataisk and Rostov, however, the noon Russian communiqué acknowledged that the axis advance continued despite heavy counter-attacks by Cossacks which drove back the enemy on some sectors.

It was the first admission that Russian positions had been penetrated in the critical Bataisk area, some 15 miles south of Rostov, although German gains had been admitted three times in 24 hours.

Today's Berlin communiqué said that the important railroad junction of Salch had been stormed and taken, about 100 miles south of the Don.

The Germans also claimed that a great part of the only rail line from the Caucasus to Stalingrad had been seized and that axis forces had pushed southward to Pechanopokski, only about 50 miles from the vital oil field junction of Tikhoretsk.

No Right to Retreat.

In face of the increasing danger to the Russian army, the Red Star, which necessarily prints the opinion of the highest Soviet officials, said:

"The Russian army hasn't the right to retreat any farther. History and the people will not pardon a further retreat. No position must be abandoned while one man is still alive."

Red Star reprinted the phrase of Nikolai Lenin, father of the Russian revolution: "Sentimentality, like fear, is a crime in war."

"Each officer and each political instructor is responsible for the improbability of their position," Red Star said editorially. "The officer or political instructor who is unable to fulfill this is unworthy of the honor bestowed him by his country and people. It is better for him to die on the spot with his men than bear the shame of retreat."

Fighting Hand-to-Hand.

The Russians' noon communiqué described fighting on two of the hottest battlefronts as follows: "South and southeast of Bataisk, there is heavy fighting. The Germans succeeded in breaking through Russian defense lines and penetrating Soviet positions, where fighting is continuing."

"The enemy brought up large forces, with which he continued his attacks, and fighting in this area frequently goes over to bloody, hand-to-hand battle."

"One of our units stemmed an enemy onslaught in the course of 24 hours and destroyed 17 tanks and more than 1100 Germans."

"In the Kletskaya region, our troops waged violent battles with enemy tanks and infantry."

**SERVICES SET FOR MRS. E. C. VOELKER**

Mrs. Emma C. Voelker died at a nursing home at 1445 Broadway yesterday after a long illness. She was 69.

She formerly lived at 2245 Brookside ave. She is survived by two brothers, Edward and Charles Blume.

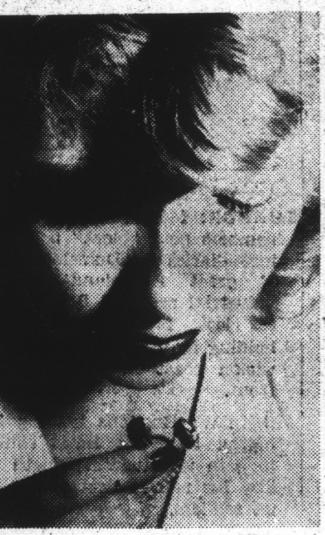
Services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday at the G. H. Herrmann funeral home. Burial will be at Washington park.

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## Deep in Heart of Hay Fever



Hay fever, that great common bane, is on us again. Introducing the model—Virginia Burton, a stenographer in the state conservation department.



A filter that fits into the nose.



This filter covers the face.

## Quick, Watson, the Needle, It's a Bumper Pollen Crop

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produced by good growing conditions a year ago has been nourished by especially rainy weather this spring and summer.

The Outlook Is Dreary.

Making fields wet and soggy, rain has prevented the farmer from cultivating out the lowly ragweed and cocklebur as thoroughly as usual.

Sniffle weeds growing out of bounds along roads and vacant lots are also producing more pollen, and relief workers, formerly occupied with mowing down the plant pests, are now busy in war industries. So the outlook is dreary.

Contrary to public opinion, hay fever does not strike in the late summer only. From February to mid-May the air-borne pollen for such trees as the maple, cottonwood, elm and oak bring sneezing spells and watery eyes to many.

Many Work Hours Lost.

"Rose fever" holds sway during May, June and July, but the flower that catches the blame is innocent. Rose fever comes as the grasses are pollinated and spring turns into summer. The chief offenders are timothy, red top, Kentucky bluegrass, Orchard and Johnson grass and even the dandelion.

From mid-August to the first killing frost the giant and small ragweed, the cocklebur and lamb's quarter send more than two million Americans into paroxysms of anguish.

Translated into lower efficiency through loss of sleep and wasted time on production lines, the affliction sabotages our war effort by many hundred thousands of work-hours.

And though defense measures against hay fever are many, none are completely effective.

First, Skin Test.

Immunization by pollen extracts after skin tests to determine the plant pollens causing the trouble, is effective to some degree in about 90 per cent of the cases treated.

A number of drugs are prescribed for temporary relief and are usually sprayed into the nose and throat. Some physicians, however, advise that only a medicine dropper should be used rather than a spray. And then there are nasal filters that fit in the nose and others that cover the face like a gas mask.

These reportedly sift the pollen from the air or drive the grains away by means of a repelling agent.

Air conditioning, the filtering and not the cooling, aids the victim. But as any patient can testify, those who put themselves in cold storage usually pay with a tearing asthmatic paroxysm.

As for advice. Inside and outside—keep warm. Avoid electric fans, open-air traveling and cold drinks.

## Would Congress Welcome Him?

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 1 (U. P.)—Joseph A. Albi, 40, who directed the "bundles for congress" drive, turned his fun-making energy into practical politics today in an effort to win a seat in the national legislative body.

Mr. Albi, an attorney and head of the Spokane Athletic round table, which sponsored the "bundles" campaign, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination in the fifth congressional district.

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