

## RUSSIANS MASS FOR LATVIA KILL

400,000 Nazis Face Battle  
Of Annihilation in  
The North.

LONDON, Nov. 21 (U.P.)—Russian troops and dive-bombers were reported swarming in for a battle of annihilation against some 400,000 Germans pinned against the Baltic coast in western Latvia today.

Other Soviet forces to the south rolled up the Nazi flank northeast of Budapest, partially isolating two of the Hungarian capital's main outposts.

The German Transocean News Agency also reported a new Soviet offensive in Slovakia southeast of the border town of Ungvar, 180 miles northeast of Budapest.

Jittery German broadcasts said the Russian armies of the north went over to the attack in western Latvia yesterday in the first of the great winter offensives that are expected to set the entire 1500-mile eastern front ablaze in the coming weeks.

### New Push Not Confirmed

The new offensive, which was not immediately confirmed in Moscow's early morning communiqué, apparently was aimed at wiping out 30 German divisions hemmed into a 6000-square mile pocket southeast of the Baltic port of Liepaja—the last Russian-claimed territory still in Nazi hands.

Striking behind a blistering aerial attack, the Soviet commanders won a number of "penetrations" after a bloody, all-day battle, Berlin said.

The Germans had been cut off from their main armies in East Prussia since Oct. 10, when Russian forces spearheaded through to the Baltic between Liepaja and Memel. Berlin said the new drive was intended to clear the Soviet flank for a drive into the Prussian province.

### Wheeling Into Position

At the same time, the Nazis reported that tens of thousands of veteran Russian winter fighters were wheeling into position on the eastern and southern borders of East Prussia and along the Vistula river south of Warsaw.

Polish underground sources said the Germans were evacuating their sick and wounded from Warsaw and mining and sacking the city, fearing another massive Red Army assault on the capital was imminent.

### ORA E. CLEARWATER FUNERAL TOMORROW

Services for Ora E. Clearwater will be conducted by the Rev. Marvin C. Schramm, pastor of the East Thirty-eighth Street Christian church, at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the church. Burial will be in Washington Park cemetery.

Mr. Clearwater, who was 67, died yesterday at his home 6835 E. 42d st.

A resident of Indianapolis 50 years, he had worked for the Standard Grocery Co. for 39 years and for the Hoosier Casualty Co. for two years prior to last July. He was a member of the East Thirty-eighth Street church.

Survivors are his wife, Isura; a son, Maurice, and a daughter, Mrs. Isaac Russell, both of Indianapolis; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Morris of Acme, Wash., and Mrs. Lena Brier of Lafayette; a brother, Charles also of Lafayette, and three grand-children.

### Hospital Chief



### LOAN LEADERS CONFER HERE

#### Reconversion to Be Discussed at Group's Eve-ning Session.

"The Reconversion to Prosperity" will be discussed by Elliot Janeway of New York at tonight's session of the Indiana Association of Small Loan Companies conference at 7 p.m. in the Claypool hotel.

Mr. Janeway will speak at the dinner meeting of the association and Dr. M. O. Ross, president of Butler university, will be toastmaster. Approximately 250 members are attending the one-day conference.

Highlighting this afternoon's session was a symposium on consumer credit led by A. J. Stevenson, director of the department of financial institutions of Indianapolis. The theme of the discussion was "Factors and Trends in Installment Lending."

#### Dr. Kelso Speaks

"The Family Aspect of Installment Lending" was the subject of Dr. Robert W. Kelso of the University of Michigan. Coleman L. Isaacs, assistant to the president of the Lincoln National Bank & Trust Co. of Ft. Wayne, was to discuss "The Place of the Commercial Bank in the Field of Consumer Credit" and Dr. Albert Haring, Indiana university marketing professor, was to speak on "Misuse of Consumer Credit—the Post-War Debuteante."

This morning's sessions included discussions on the future responsibilities of the association, the public relations in the small loan business, the human equation in consumer financing and a review of the group's 1943 operations.

#### Claims Chevalier Cleared by Allies

MAURICE CHEVALIER, French entertainer, has been cleared of charges of collaborating with the Germans during their occupation of France, the London radio said today.

"A statement issued in Paris said that Chevalier gave only one entertainment at a German prison camp," the broadcast said. "He was not paid and in exchange for his performance 10 prisoners were released."

Chevalier was among music hall entertainers whose activities during the occupation were investigated by a French committee.

### M'EVERS GETS BILLINGS POST

#### Veteran of Three Wars Will Take Charge About Dec. 1.

Col. Albert E. McEvers, an army surgeon veteran of three wars, will become commanding officer of Billings general hospital around Dec. 1. He will replace Col. John Moore, commanding officer of the medical department's enlisted technician's school, who is serving as temporary commanding officer.

First commissioned a captain in the cavalry, Col. McEvers saw action on the Mexican border in 1916 and served as a surgeon during the major offensives at Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, the Meuse-Argonne, Champagne and Meuse-Champagne during world war I.

Before seeing overseas duty in the last world war, Col. McEvers set up an evacuation hospital at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. He later established a camp hospital at Tours.

#### Practiced in Chicago

Returning to the United States, he was appointed major MC in officers' reserve corps and practiced general surgery in Chicago and Los Angeles until the outbreak of world war II. He is a member of the American college of surgeons and received his full rank of colonel in the medical reserve in 1934. In September, 1939, he accepted reappointment to this rank. On Feb. 15, 1940, Col. McEvers set up the West Los Angeles station hospital and was its commanding officer for eight months. Later he was transferred to Letterman General Hospital and then was appointed commanding officer of the ASF Oakland Regional hospital, where he is still serving.

#### OFFICIAL WEATHER

##### U. S. Weather Bureau

(All Data in Central Time)

—Nov. 21, 1944—

Sunrise ..... 7:37 a.m. | Sunset ..... 5:18 p.m.

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a.m. .01

Total precipitation since Jan. 1. .31 17

Deficiency since Jan. 1. .47

The following table shows the temperature yesterday:

Station High Low

Atlanta ..... 68 54

Chicago ..... 46 39

Cleveland ..... 43 37

Detroit ..... 43 33

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Indianapolis ..... 44 36

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