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oldest city and birthplace of Karl Marx. The 94th captured Oberleuken, Kesslingen, Faha and Murrhagen from two to three miles east and southeast of Sinz and six inside Germany. The cluster of villages is about eight miles northwest of the Saarland industrial city of Merzig.

The Roer River, like the Rhine and Meuse, was receding. When its flood waters return to banks in the 36 miles from the opened dam gates to Hermond, the American First and Ninth Armies and the British Second will be able to strike toward Cologne, the Rhineland and the Ruhr. Indeed the Germans said the Ninth had attempted a crossing at Linnich where the Roer still was wide and angry.

Small Area Remains

When the massed might of the three Allied Armies on the Roer is applied, the Germans before Cologne, Duesseldorf and Duisburg will be squeezed in a vise west of the Rhine, with the Canadian Army, as its northern jaw.

The Scottish troops of the Canadian Army went with flashing bayonets after the last Germans resisting in ancient Goch, center of eight military roads and once a town of 13,500. After 24 hours of house fighting, the whole northern part of the town was cleared and only a tiny sector of the southern portion was holding out.

The Germans already were shelling Goch. A thousand Nazis surrendered yesterday, boosting the total for the northern campaign above 9,000.

POPE STILL CONFINED TO BED WITH INFLUENZA

Vatican City—(AP)—Pope Pius XII still is confined to his room with influenza, it was announced today. A Vatican physician said the illness was proceeding normally.

at our heels en route. Mortar fire continued sporadically all night. It was a peculiar as well as a terrifying experience. The night finally wore out. There were many marine casualties around us but Providence was with us and none of us was hit. Early in the morning Thomson and I made a mad dash for the beach on account of I wanted to get to the ship to get this story filed.

BATTLE RAVAGED SOLDIERS COME BACK TO STATES

New York—(AP)—Nearly a thousand and western front casualties, soldiers with empty sleeves and empty faces, with vivid scars on their bodies and invisible brands on their souls, have arrived here from Europe aboard three Army transports.

A pound of heads at the New York point of embarkation yesterday showed 988 veterans, some broken in body, some in spirit, were back from the European holocaust. They come from homes in Maine to California, from metropolises and farm.

Emotions spilled together in a mixture of bewilderment and joy. Bandaged heads thrust themselves out of port holes giving play-by-play descriptions to friends riding bunks inside. A whole ward shook cabin walls as one of their number learned he was the father of a baby boy, born Feb. 8.

Relaxation didn't seep into their rigid bodies until they reached the station hospital at Camp Shanks, a staging area from which they will be redistributed.

EPIDEMIC IN BERLIN

London—(AP)—The Moscow radio asserted today that a typhus epidemic had broken out in Berlin, causing many deaths daily.

A later broadcast said Konev was attacking Leubach and thrusting for Goerlitz 49 miles from Dresden. This said Konev had cut the Sorau-Goerlitz railway on a 2 1/2 to 3 miles stretch at an undisclosed point, and had "temporarily" captured Rothwasser, 10 miles northeast of Goerlitz, Rothwasser, 18 miles from the Saxon border, was later retaken by the Germans, Transocean added.

Bitter Fighting Rages

Russian advances on Guben were "checked," Transocean said. Fighting of "the bitterest type" is raging in this sector between the Bober and Neisse Rivers, a Transocean broadcast said. Transocean made no mention of Nazi counterattacks which the Germans last night said had re-

STASSEN READY TO ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT

Former Minnesota Governor Considers Job Political Liability

Washington—(AP)—Commander Harold E. Stassen said today he considers his appointment by President Roosevelt to the San Francisco United Nations conference a political liability.

"However," Stassen told a news conference, "you can't weigh a matter of that kind with anything as serious as a chance to prevent another world war."

"I am a Republican," he said. "Weighing the whole thing, Republicans are apt to look upon it as a political liability. However I have not the least hesitation in accepting the appointment, whatever is entailed."

Stassen, a member of Admiral William F. Halsey's staff, said he would be granted leave from the Navy to attend the conference, adding he will go "in civilian clothes free to speak, act and think as I

to counterattack, while 11 fleet units maintained a continuous bombardment of the prized airdrome island 750 south of Tokyo.

Territory captured by the 6th Army British Marine Corps days of fighting represents one quarter of the air square island.

The communique was the second somber-toned release by advanced Pacific fleet quarters tonight on the battle in the American history.

Close to Tokyo

In his first report today said American losses in air across the southern end island were relatively light. The original base where the Yanks battered protected slopes to envelop airdrome.

"The fight is the toughest run across in 188 years," I. Holland M. Smith, command Marine Corps forces in the Pacific, told Associated Press correspondent Morrie Landsberg sea forces standing off the island.

Landsberg reported the more marines were pouring to smash down the Japan trenches in a network of the rugged volcanic islands apparently in dread of loss airdrome island from which key could be raided by bombers and fighter planes.

Japanese, still holding the northern end of the island, poured artillery, mortar and fire down on the Yanks' up their steepest, fight of southern airdrome.

Motomaya airfield humbled, just north of the Air held territory won in the fight of all on the island.

Report Tank Battle

Nimitz made no mention tanks which eye-witness had been thrown into the Tokyo radio reported a tank battle underway on the plain center of the island of the prized southern air

base. Vice Adm. Richmond L. Eason, commanding the 5th fleet, said of the tank battle as well as a defend-

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ouk of Egypt, American-Egyptian relations were discussed.

Halle Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia, was received in the same setting and in this conference the President conversed in French.

King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia also was received by the President with impressive ceremony during the afternoon of the day following the reception of King Farouk and the Ethiopian Emperor.

Algiers was described as the President's last stopping place abroad before leaving for Washington.

The White House announcement said Secretary of State Stettinius,

en youthe from Moscow to official calls in Liberia, so Africa, Brazil and then to inter-American conference in Mexico City, was waiting to see the President in Alexandria where he reported on meetings with Foreign Commissar Molotov in Moscow.

The conferences were described as "altogether satisfactory." Ambassador John G. Winant also met the President in the Middle East, traveling by air from London.

Two more Ambassadors, Jefferson Caffery, from Paris, and Alexander Kirk from Rome were met

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manner in chief of the fleet and chief of naval operations.

MEMORIAL MASS TO BE READ FOR CPL. MILLER

A Memorial Requiem Mass will be read Tuesday morning, Feb. 27, at 9 o'clock at St. John's Catholic Church for Cpl. James V. Miller, 30, Marshfield serviceman, who was killed in action in Belgium Jan. 4. Cpl. Miller's wife and five children reside at Hewitt at present.

THE WEATHER

Tuesday, February 20
Wiscasin—Mostly cloud slowly rising temperature night and Wednesday.
Marshfield temperatures—today, 22. Maximum yesterday, 24. Minimum during the night, 10.
Precipitation—1/4 inches an

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