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~~Barlow himself~~ was assassinated on Christmas eve, and the resulting re-organization of political authority throughout French North Africa was

+ beleaguered city, it enabled railway communications long under German control to be restored to Soviet hands.

The campaign in Russia has been ^{waged} for ~~as long as~~ nearly two years on Soviet soil, and Germany still has great reserves of men and of tribute from occupied Europe to fling into the struggle, reckless of the cost. It should not be forgotten that Russia has been able to strike back in some measure at German soil through bomber raids over East Prussia and even as far as Berlin.